The Dickcissel
Newsletter of the Sioux City Bird Club
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At a meeting of the officers of the Sioux City Bird Club, held at the Martin Hotel on Monday evening, October 4, 1937, it was decided to begin a new program of activities. The plan for the year will include a number of new features of both indoor and outdoor work. These matters will be discussed at the first field trip of the year which will be held on October 10.

The first event of the season will be a field excursion on Sunday, October 10, (Sunday is chosen because so many members are unable to get away on any other day.) The destination for this trip will be the Ponca State Park, in Nebraska. This park is located along the Missouri River, in Dixon County, and is noted for its rugged beauty. The Blue Grosbeak has been seen in this environment, and not far from this place. Our party will assemble on the parking lot at the foot of Pierce Street, and departure will be made at 7:30 A.M. Those who may wish to make a later start may join the party at the Ponca State Park. Prof. R. D. Hissong has been chosen as the leader for this trip. He will set the pace (which will be appropriate for observation along the way), determine the route, stops, and starts. Members of the caravan are asked to attach a white streamer to the rear end of the car, as a guide to those who follow. Everyone is cautioned to bring his own lunch. Lunch will be eaten together near midday at the Park. No attempt will be made to keep the party together after the lunch. If the weather is pleasant some may wish to remain longer and visit or make further explorations. Some may wish to return home over the same route; others may wish to remain longer and visit the park and ferry across the Missouri River at this point and return through South Dakota. The cost on the ferry is 75 cents per car. On the outgoing trip count in the toll over the Combination Bridge.

If this initial trip is successful, others will be planned for the following weeks during the pleasant fall weather.

If you have room in your car invite some friend who will enjoy the outing.

> "Man feels himself an infinity above those creatures who stand, zoologically, only one step below him, but every human being looks up to the birds. They suit the fancy of us all. What they feel they can voice, as we try to; they court the next, they battle with the elements, they are torn by two opposing impulses, a love of home and a passion for far places. Only with the birds do we share so much emotions."
>
> Donald Culross Peattie
> in "Singing in the Wilderness"

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Volume II, No. 2, October 13, 1937

As previously announced, the field trip to the Ponca State Park in Nebraska, was held on the 10th. The following table of statistics will give the story of this trip and will be useful later for comparison.

Weather: Fair and warm.
Round trip distance: 73 miles.
Number of cars: 7.
Number of people: Women, 10; Men, 8; Total, 18.
Species of birds listed: 29.

The Bird List

The species of birds seen on this trip may be enumerated as follows. Those starred were seen in or from the Park. The figures indicate the number of individuals seen, but this number probably varied widely in different note-books. Pied-billed Grebe, 3; Great Blue Heron* 2; Blue-winged Teal*, several; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Killdeer*, 12; Mourning Dove*, 8; Northern Flicker*, 2; Red-headed Wookpecker*, 8; Downy Woodpecker*, 2; Barn Swallow, 43; Bluejay*, several; Crow*, 30; Chickadee*, 1; Robin*,1; English Sparrow*, several; Western Meadowlark, 25; Red-winged Blackbird, several; Yellow-headed Blackbird, 1; Bronzed Grackle*, flocks; Cardinal*, 2; Goldfinch*, several; Red-eyed Towhee*, 6; Slate-colored Junco*, 4; Harris's Sparrow*, 12; Song Sparrow*, 2; Bluebird*, several; Starling, flock. Total, 29.

Announcements for October

1. Oct. 10. Ponca State Park. Leader, Mr. R. D. Hissong.

2. Oct. 17. Wanata State Park, near Peterson, Ia. (180 miles, R.T.)
Leader, Mr. Bruce F. Stiles.

3. Oct. 24. Proposed Lewis & Clark Park, near Winnebago, Nebr.
Leader, Mr. Raws A. Jensen.

4. Oct. 30. Oak Grove State Park, near Hawarden, Ia. (120 mi. R.T.)
Leader, Mr. W. D. Crabb.

If the weather is unfavorable the destination of the trip may be changed or the trip may be postponed. The departure point for all trips will be at the foot of Pierce Street, and the time of departure will be 7:30 A.M. Please tie a streamer of white cloth to the rear of your car to guide those who follow.

On Oct. 17 the official route to Wanata State Park will be:
Sioux City to Le Mars on Hy. 75
Le Mars to Cherokee on Hy. 5
Cherokee to Sutherland on Hy. 59
Sutherland to Peterson on Hy. 10 Returning:
Peterson to Alton on Hy. 10
Alton to Sioux on Hys. 33 and 75.
This route provides all paving except about 15 miles of gravel.

The Indoor Programs

The program meetings will be held on the fourth Monday evening of the month, except in December and as otherwise announced. All program meetings will be held in the Martin Hotel, unless otherwise announced. The room in which the meeting is to be held will be announced on the Hotel Bulletin Board. Meetings will begin at 8:00 P.M., and will close not later than 9:30.

The following meetings are now announced.

Monday, Oct 25. Topic: The past summer's field work in the Sioux City Region. Leader, Mr. Bruce F. Stiles.

Monday, Nov. 29. Topic: The history of ornithological work in Sioux City. Leader, Mr. T. C. Stephens.

Other meetings will be announced later.

The name "The Dickcissel" has been carried over from previous years. It is now printed on perforated sheets to make possible the binding the successive issues in a note-book cover such as **can be secured at the 10-cents stores.**

Wilfred D. Crabb, President

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News letter of the Sioux City Bird Club

Vol. II, No. 3. November 24, 1937

On Monday evening, November 29, at eight o'clock oun regular monthly indoor meeting will be held at the Martin Hote. The exact room will be announced on the bulletin board in the lobby. Dr. T.C. Stephens will be the speaker of the evening, and his subject will be, The History of Ornithological Work in and near Sioux City.

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The Committees for the year are now announced. Much of the success of the Club for the year will depend upon the earnest co-operation and interest of each member of these committees. Some of the committees are not yet completed, but those definitely assigned are as follows:

Executive Committee. Mr. T.C. Stephens, Mrs. H.M. Bailey, Mr. R.D. Hissong.
Membership Committee. Mr. E.T. Munroe,Jr., Mr. Wilbur Seubert, Mr. Harold Asmussen.
Field Trips Committee. Mr. Raws Jensen, Mr. K.W. Smith, Mrs. J.W. Armour, Mr. W.W. Trusell.
Program Committee. Mrs. W.J. Armour, Mrs. J.A. Dales.
Publicity Committee. Mr. Bruce Stiles, Miss Gladys Palmer.
Publication Committee. Mr. Wilfred Crabb, Miss Charlotte Osborn, Mr. Bruce Stiles, Mr. T.C. Stephens.

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Plans for December seem to be headed quite definitely in the direction of a well planned Christmas Census of native bird life in the Sioux City area. The interest at this time is good enough to promise a very complete and thorough census in several directions if the weather is not too severe. Because of the conflicting and disturbing influences of the Holiday season no indoor meeting will be attempted. The census may be taken on either the 24th, the 25th, or the 26th (unless otherwise stated in the December issue of Bird-Lore). The Committee in charge of the work will be Bruce Stiles and Wilfred Crabb. Those who wish to participate will please notify either of these persons, and specify any preferred territory. On the day selected the members will cover their assigned area, starting when they chose and staying out as long as they wish. At the end of the trip the results should be telephoned in to either one of these committeemen; all lists will then be tabulated and combined and sent in to Bird-Lore. In the meantime those who expect to make the census should become familiar with the rules as they will appear in the Bird-Lore for December. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Stiles (Tel. 65977) or from Mr.Crabb (Tel. 66987). In order to reach the editors in time for publication the report should be mailed probably not later than the evening of December 26. It is not likely that more than one list will be accepted from any locality. Let us make our list a good one.

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News Letter of the Sioux City Bird Club

Vol. II, No. 3. November [illegible]

On Monday evening, November 23, at eight o'clock our regular monthly indoor meeting will be held at the Martin Hotel. The exact room will be announced on the bulletin board in the lobby. Dr. T.C. Stephens will be the speaker of the evening and his subject will be, "The History of Ornithological Work in and near Sioux City."

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Membership Committee, Mr. [illegible], Mrs. Wilbur [illegible], [illegible]

Field Trips Committee, [illegible], Mr. H.M. Bailey, [illegible]

Program Committee, [illegible]

Publicity Committee, [illegible]

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Recent Field Trips

Since the last issue of the Dickcissel was published the Club has participated in three Field Trips to nearby points of interest, as follows.

Wanata Park Trip

October 24, 1937. The destination was the Wanata State Park, near Peterson, Iowa. The weather was fair and warm.

Round trip distance, 177 miles
Time on the trip, 11 hours
Number of cars, 3
Number of people, 9 (Women, 3; Men, 6)
Species of birds listed, 15.

The following birds were seen (those marked with a(*) were observed in the Park). *Red-tailed Hawk, 2. Sparrow Hawk, 1. Ring-necked Pheasant, 1. Golden Plover, 40. *Hairy Woodpecker, 3. Horned Lark, 1. *Bluejay, 2. *Crow, 2. *Chickadee, 2. *White-breasted Nuthatch, 4. Robin, 2. Western Meadowlark, 4. Brozed Grackle, 1. *Purple Finch, 6. *Slate-colored Junco, 21.

Preparation Canyon Park Trip

October 31, 1937. The destination was the Preparation Canyon State Park, near Morehead, Iowa. The weather was fair and warm.

Round trip distance, 121 miles
Time on the trip, 10 hours
Number of cars, 7
Number of people, 23 (Women, 12; Men, 11)
Species of birds listed, 19

The following birds were seen (those marked with (*) were observed in the Park). *Red-tailed Hawk, 5. Ring-necked Pheasant, 4. Coot, 2. Killdeer, 3. *Flicker, 4. *Downy Woodpecker, 1. Bluejay, 1. *Crow, 9. *Checkadee, 5. *White-breasted Nuthatch, 2. *Robin, 212. Western Meadowlark, 12. Bronzed Grackle, 4. Pine Siskin, 2. *Goldfinch, 5. *Slate-colored Junco, 34. *Tree Sparrow, 23. *Song Sparrow, 1. *Harris's Sparrow, 10.

Oak Grove Park Trip

November 7, 1937. The destination was the Oak Grove State Park, near Hawarden, Iowa. Weather clear at start, cloudy by noon.

Round trip distance, 126 miles
Time on the trip, 9 hours
Number of cars, 6.
Number of people, 17 (Women, 10; Men, 7)
Species of birds listed, 15.

The following birds were seen (those marked with (*) were observed in the Park. Marsh Hawk, 1. *Ring-necked Pheasant, 5. *Flicker, 1. *Downy Woodpecker, 1. *Bluejay, 3. *Crow, 19. *Checkadee, 2. *White-breasted Nuthatch, 2. Western Meadowlark, 22 *Red-winged Blackbird, 1,052. Bronzed Grackle, 2. *Cardinal, 1, by Mrs. Dales. *Slate-colored Junco, 30. *Tree Sparrow, 19. *Harris's Sparrow, 2.

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Round trip distance, 177 miles
Time on the trip, 11 hours
Number of cars, 3
Number of people, 12 (Women, 7; Men, 5)
Species of birds listed, 18.

The following birds were seen (those marked with a(*) were observed in the Park): *Red-tailed Hawk, 2. Sparrow Hawk, 3. Ring-necked Pheasant, 1. Golden Plover, 40. *Hairy Woodpecker, 2. Horned Lark, 1. *Bluejay, 2. *Crow, 2. *Chickadee, 2. *White-breasted Nuthatch, 4. *Robin, 2. Western Meadowlark, 4. Evening Grosbeak, 1. *Purple Finch, 6. *Slate-colored Junco, 21.

[illegible] Canyon Park Trip

October 31, 1957. The destination was the [illegible] Canyon State Park, near [illegible], Iowa. The weather was fair and warm.

Round trip distance, 181 miles
Time on the trip, 10 hours
Number of cars, [illegible]
Number of people, 22 (Women, 12; Men, 10)
Species of birds listed, 24

The following birds were seen (those marked with (*) were observed in the Park): *Red-tailed Hawk, [illegible]. Ring-necked Pheasant, 9. [illegible], 2. Killdeer, 3. [illegible] Woodpecker, 1. Bluejay, [illegible]. *Crow, [illegible]. *Chickadee, [illegible]. *White-breasted Nuthatch, 2. [illegible], [illegible]. Western Meadowlark, [illegible]. Red-winged Blackbird, [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible]. *Slate-colored Junco, 24. *Tree Sparrow, [illegible]. *Harris Sparrow, 10.

Oak Grove Park Trip

November 1, 1957. The destination was the Oak Grove State Park, near Hawarden, Iowa. The weather was clear, cool and windy.

Round trip distance, 126 miles
Time on the trip, 8 hours
Number of cars, 4
Number of people, 17 (Women, 10; Men, 7)
Species of birds listed, 18.

The following birds were seen (those marked with (*) were observed in the Park): Marsh Hawk, 2. *Ring-necked Pheasant, 6. [illegible], 1. *Downy Woodpecker, 1. *Bluejay, 3. *Crow, [illegible]. *Chickadee, 2. *White-breasted Nuthatch, 2. Western Meadowlark, 2. Red-winged Blackbird, 1,000. Common Grackle, 2. [illegible], 6. *Goldfinch, 4. *Slate-colored Junco, 50. *Tree Sparrow, 14. *Harris Sparrow, 3.

A NOTE ON THE WHITE-CHEEKED GOOSE AND WOOD DUCK

By Bruce F. Stiles

On the Missouri River about five miles east of the Indian Agency at Greenwood, Charles Mix County, S.D., lives a man by the name of Gus Stock. Ten or twelve years ago a neighbor had shot and wounded a goose which Mr. Stock recognized as being different from the Common Canada Goose. Mr. Stock traded another goose for it, and took it home where it soon recovered from the wound. I met Mr. Stock in Wagner, S.D., where he told me the story, and invited me to pay him a visit and see the bird.

On April 2, 1937, I drove down to his place and found the goose as he had described it. It is the size of a large Canada Goose, the white cheek patches being somehwat narrower than on the average Canada Goose and extending only to only near the ventral median line. The white areas do not connect at the median line, but are separated by a dark line. I am not familiar with the White-cheeked Goose, and know that the ventral line of the neck is sometimes dark on the Canada Goose.

Mr. Stock is a very interesting person. He loves the birds and is a keen observer. During his many years of residence on the Missouri River bottoms he has acquired a lot of first-hand knowledge about the migration and habits of water fowl. He has dug a trench from a spring a quarter of a mile away and made some ponds and little stream through his back yard. Wild ducks and geese visit his place by the hundreds.

He told me many interesting stories.

Many years ago he says a Wood Duck nested in a big tree hardly more than a hundred yards from his back door. While out there one day he heard what he described as a "whispering". For some time he couldn't locate the sound, soft and musical, which kept up continually. Finally he was attracted by something up in a tree. A Wood Duck was at the mouth of a hole, which he described as being no larger than a good-sized woodpecker hole. It was the Wood Duck's nest, and the mother was coaxing her young out. The young were very small and downy. Finally, one got out far enough and the mother caught it in her bill, just back of the wing on one side, and flew with it over a pond about fifty feet away. She dropped the little one from a height of eight or ten feet, and it lit with a splash. Without alighting the old bird returned at once to the nest, where she continued coaxing. Mr. Stock went to the house and called his wife. Together they watched the performance through half the afternoon, as the mother Wood Duck coaxed her brood, one by one, to the entrance, where she would grab them, fly over the pool, and drop them in.

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Vol. II, No. 4. December 15, 1937

What to do.

So far this winter we have had practically no snow, and not much cold weather. But we may expect it soon. When bad weather does set in our small birds are going to be hard pressed for food. It has been reported from Ames that weed seeds are scarce this year. Most of the seed pods are empty. If this is true in our part of the state we may expect a scarcity of the small seed-eating birds. The Chickadees, nuthatches, and small woodpeckers may be better supplied, but this is always an uncertainty, too. So, if you want to keep these birds in your neighborhood it will be necessary to put up food trays and suet racks. This is the time to put up winter food for the birds. A good suet rack may be made from a wire soap box. Place the suet in the soap box and tack the latter to a tree. Or place two such soap boxes together, with the suet between, and suspend them from a limb. These food supplies should be several feet from the ground, so as to be out of reach of the cat.

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The January meeting will be held as scheduled. The program has not been definitely planned, but will probably consist of motion pictures of some phase of conservation work, or some bird study. Mr. Wilfred Crabb is in charge.

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Sunday, December 26, has been set as the date for taking our Christmas Census. Our report must reach Bird-Lore before Dec. 31. So it will be necessary that all lists be telephoned to Mr. Crabb (66-987) or to Mr. Stiles (65-977) on the evening of the 26th. The various lists will be compiled and tabulated according to these rules: Subspecific names are to be omitted. The birds must be listed in the sequence given in the A.O.U. Check-list of 1931. Censuses are to be double-spaced, and written on one side of the sheet only. The records should follow one another in a single paragraph. The time afield and weather conditions should be indicated. Each unusual record must be accompanied by a statement as to the identification. The number of individuals of each species must be recorded. The names of all observers and where they went should be included. The entire census must cover an area not to exceed fifteen miles in diameter, and should last for at least six hours and not more than a day.

We hope to cover the following territories: Riverside, Stone Park, South Ravine, McCook Lake, Perry Creek region, and probably the hill country east of the city. If you plan to go to any particular locality please report to Mr. Crabb or Mr. Stiles, and they can tell you whether anyone else is going that way; thus you may join the others if you wish.

The November Meeting

At our last indoor meeting Professor T. C. Stephens presented a paper on "The Ornithological History of Sioux City". Sioux City has been an ornithological center for some years; for during the past fifty years or longer there has always been someone in the city interested enough in bird life to study it and make some published record of results found.

Dr. stephens began his account with the visit of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the shore of Woodbury County in 1804. It is not certain at present that J. J. Audubon stopped here on his trip up the Missouri River in 1843. Perhaps the earliest local student of bird life was D. H. Talbot, who carried on considerable research during the 80's and 90's. He maintained an experimental farm on the present site of Stone Park, which he owned. It is too bad that Mr. Talbot's name is not attached to some feature of this park, merely for the sake of historical accuracy.

During Mr. Talbot's period of activity he made numerous expeditions for scientific purposes. His earliest one was made to Rawlins, Wyo., for the purpose of observing the total eclipse of the sun. Other members of this party included Prof. George F. Barker, of the University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Lockyer, Prof. Draper, and Thomas Alva Edison, the great inventor. This was in 1878. Later Mr. Talbot made collecting trips to the sandhill region of Nebraska, down the Arkansas River by boat, up along the coast of Labrador, and down to the coast of Texas. On these trips many specimens of birds were collected and preserved as skins. A trip which he made to the Yellowstone National Park was probably for sight-seeing only, for he made no collections. His work at the experimental farm makes a long story, and we do not have as full records of this phase of his activity. On his various trips he kept daily journals, and these are now in the possession of Dr. Stephens, and are being copied and studied carefully.

In the latter part of the 19th century Dr. Guy Cl Rich came to Sioux City, soon after he had graduated in medicine. He established a practice as physician and surgeon, but in his spare time he studied birds. He made a number of very important records for this locality, reported annually to the United States Biological Survey for a long period of years, kept a careful set of notes of all field trips, and, most important of all, perhaps, he inspired others to enjoy the trips into the field and become acquainted with the native bird life. No doubt, the continued interest in ornithology in later years in Sioux City is due to a great extent to Dr. Rich's influence.

Many other persons were mentioned in this historical account, which, according to Dr. Stephens, has only been prepared in outline form. He is still working on it, and adding new facts as they are found. Since the paper was read he has acquired some additional information concerning the Rev. Manley B. Townsend.

In the present issue of the Dickcissel we have printed a "History of the Sioux City Bird Study Club" by Mrs. Mary L. Bailey.

tution was read, approved, and signed by twenty-three members who constituted the charter membership of the organization. The meetings were therafter held semi-monthly for the first two years, and later once a month, from September to May, inclusive. These meetings have continued through the years, except for one or two lapses and variations. In 1932-1933 the meetings were discontinued for a year, the depression having affected the attendance to such an extent that it was deemed wise to do this. The following year, 1933-1934, the meetings were resumed, but with a rather small attendance and with no dues. In 1934-1935 the attendance continued to be small, but this year (1935-1936) the first meeting held on October 10 was well attended, and plans have been made for interesting programs throughout the season.

The programs have always been varied and interesting; some based on library study, and some based on original field work. The most instructive of all, however, have been the illustrated talks; the exhibits of bird houses, bird nests, skins and mounted specimens of birds; and slides and motion pictures illustrating field work, and intensive study of a single species. Besides the talks given at the regular meetings we have had many lectures by men from other parts of the state and country. Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes came to us with a public lecture in the early years of the Club, and in 1927 we had Mr. W. L. Finley to give a lecture and show some of his wonderful motion pictures of wild birds. This lecture attracted enough people to comfortably fill the large auditorium of the Central High School.

We have had other activities, too, which have increased the interest of many others outside the Bird Club. We had two extensive exhibits pertaining to birds. One was held in June, 1910, and the other, similar in every respect was held in April, 1916. These exhibits were held in the Public Library, and lasted for three days. During these days many people visited the exhibits, including many visitors from out of town. The members of the Club were on hand at all times to explain and answer questions. Bird houses and sparrow traps, sent by nearly all the eastern manufacturers, were on display and for sale. Trees and vines were brought in from the woods for illustration and to form a background for the display of mounted native birds. Bird food of many kinds was shown, as also feeding devices. Field glasses, books, and bird guides were shown in one department.

One of the most interest in exhibits was a collection of goods for water fowl, which was sent in from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The exhibition closed each evening with an illustrated lecture.

In March, 1916 a Junior Bird Club was organized with more than a hundred members. This was preceded by an educational campaign in which members of the senior Club addressed more than 3500 children in the public schools. The Junior Club members were taken out on field trips by the older members. This was kept up as long as leaders could be found; but war activities practically put a stop to it, and it was never resumed.

The Club members have done what they could to help along desirable legislation by writing to senators and congressmen. Arbor Day has been used to bring the subject of birds to school children, and

nature talks have been given to other groups of young people, adults, church societies, etc. Many of our members have given bird talks in other towns. It was in the year 1919-1920 that bird study was put in the curriculum of the public schools of Sioux City, and there taught by one of the Bird Club members. (This work was done by Mrs. Bailey--Ed.) This work was continued for nine years, when economy forced it to be dropped.

One of our members took up the work of bird-banding in 1924, and to date (1935-1936) has banded 4405 birds in her own back yard. One of our members is acting as examiner in bird study for the Girl Scouts. Many of our members have written articles on birds which have been published in various magazines.

The Bird Club has, perhaps, been most widely advertised by its work through the press. Lists of birds have been published from time to time in the Sioux City Journal. Notices of the meetings and reports of the meetings have been freely given; and our newspapers have been very generous in advertising our out-of-town speakers, or other Club activities.

The Club also claims as a member the author of "Notes of a Nature Lover", which were delightfully written articles descriptive of the author's field trips in the vicinity of Sioux City, in both the summer and winter seasons. There articles appeared in the Sioux City Sunday Journal over a period of years. Another of our members published, also in The Journal, a list of the "Birds of Sioux City and Vicinity", and "Birds which may be found in our winter woods", and one or two similar stories in the Sioux City Tribune.

A calendar of bird arrivals was kept up for several years in a column called "Some Bird Notes", which was carried every two weeks in the Journal, beginning in January, 1917, and running to the end of June. "Our Bird Neighbors" was another column by the same writer and carried in The Tribune for three years, 1918, 1919, 1920. These notes were compiled from interesting field experiences, accounts of field trips taken, records of unusual birds reported; many notes were also sent in by bird lovers in the surrounding towns. (These columns were prepared by Mrs. Bailey, Ed.)

Weekly field trips were taken by the Club during all seasons, and throughout most of the years of the Club's existence, and usually with a competent leader. The Christmas census has been made for Bird-Lore every year with few exceptions, even though it has not always been published.

As we look back over the work the Club has tried to do, we find that many of those who were with us in the early years have gone to other territory, and some have made a name and fame for themselves elsewhere; several have gone never to return; others have gone, but occasionally remind us by letter that they remember us; and we who are left feel that there is a place for a Bird Club in our city, and we hope that there will always be those who will carry on the work.

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The Dickcissel is published as the official publication of the Sioux City Bird Club. Indoor meetings of the club are held the last Monday evening of every month. Field trips are made regularly during the spring and fall.

Pres., Wilfred D. Crabb, Tel. 6-6987. V-Pres., Bruce Stiles, Tel. 6-5977. Treas., R. D. Hissong. Sec'y., Miss (Gladys Palmer.

Membership: 50 cents per year.

The Christmas Census

The annual Christmas census taken by the Bird Club for the magazine Bird-Lore was very successful this year. Most of the important bird spots in the vicinity were well covered The temperature at the start was 18 degrees above and the atmosphere quiet. There was very little snow on the ground. By noon the temperature had risen to 32 degrees and the skies had cleared. At the close the temperature was 38 degrees above with a clear sky and no wind. In all there were 23 species identified and some seen which could not be definitely named.

The species identified are as follows: Scaup Duck2, Marsh Hawk 1, Belted Kingfisher 1, Flicker 10, Red-bellied Woodpecker 2, Hairy Woodpecker 9, Downy Woodpecker 16, Horned Lark 35, Blue Jay 6, Crow 525, Chickadee 38, White-breasted Nuthack 14, Red-breasted Nuthack 2, Brown Creeper 2, Robin 26, Golden-crowned Kinglet 4, Starling 500, Bronzed Grackle 1, Cardinal 2, Goldfinch 3, Slate-colored Junco 107, Tree Sparrow 34, Lapland Longspur 1, ducks not identified 3.

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The January meeting will be held at the City Library at 6th and Jackson street. The meeting will be called for 7:45 in the lecture room. The program will be in the museum and will consist of two or three talks by various members of the club, and a general review of the specimens that are deposited there.

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The Longspur Tragedy

The Department of Biology at Morningside College has taken on an investigation of the death of thousands of Longspurs, which were killed on the night of January 5th and 6th in towns of the surrounding territory. The birds were on a general movement and were flying at night, probably in

search of a better feeding ground when they were overtaken by the storm.

They seem to have been near exhaustion when a sudden change of weather drove them to earth. In the dark they were attracted to the bright lights of the various towns in the territory north and east of here. They came down in great flocks of many thousands in Moville, Kingsley, Remsen, Hawarden, Ireton, Pierson and other towns. The full extent of the range is not yet completely determined. Shortly after landing in the streets of the towns, or at approximately the same time, snow began to fall and they became excited. Thousands of them killed themselves by flying into buildings, wires, lights and other obstructions.

The Biology department has mde skins of several of them and found that the birds were all fat and in good condition. Some of them had seeds in their stomachs and none of them froze to death as far as can be determined.

With the help of State Conservation Officer, W. W. Trusell, Bruce F. Stiles, one of the directors of the Iowa Wildlife Federation, and local townspeople, Dr. T. C. Stephens and several students collected over 800 birds and brought them back to the laboratory. These birds are probably all Lapland Longspurs; one Horned Lark was found among the entire lot of dead birds picked up. They will be carefully classified by measurement, coloration and sex; stomach contents will be investigated, and every effort will be made to explain the cause of the tragedy which promises to be one of the most significant ornithological events in the middle west this year.

Dr. T. C. Stephens has sent out a questionnaire to postmasters and other responsible people in all surrounding towns from which he hopes to be able to get up a map showing the extent of the tragedy. His last report was that they were responding with a spirit that showed they were willing to cooperate.

Credit for sending in the first information about the Lapland Longspur tragedy on the night of January 5th and 6th must be divided between Weir Mills of Pierson, Iowa and State Conservation Officer W. W. Trusell. Specimens were also sent in from Ida Grove, but I am sorry not to have the name of the party who sent them in. They were sent to Dr. T. C. Stephens at Morningside College.

Mr. W. R. Felton tells of a similar occurrence in Judith Basin County, Montana during January 1914. Dr. Thomas S. Roberts of the University of Minnesota says that in March 1904, during a night on which a wet snow fell throughout most of southern Minnesota, one of these Longspur tragedies occurred. The next morning, on the surface of two small lakes which covered an area of about two miles, there were no less than 750,000 dead Lapland Longspurs. Literally millions of Longspurs were killed that night over an area of many thousands of square miles.

Bruce F. Stiles
Wilfred D. Crabb

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During a depression there is a tendency to "tighten up the lines", to give less attention to drawing, painting, music and nature study. Considering the small cost of these pleasures it is doubtful if it is economically sound to give them up. I believe that if a method was found to measure the effect of happiness on efficiency it would show that many things we do for enjoyment, are also sound investments of time and money.

I have before me a letter from a business man whom you all know. He says--speaking of his early connection with the Bird Club--"The past few years I number among the most enjoyable and fruitful of my lifetime. I am unable to recall the experiences of those years without felling a thrill of satisfaction. They were particularly noteworthy in the richness of the friendships they brought to me. I am heavily obligated to all those with whom I was associated during that time."

An investment in the Sioux City Bird Club will yield returns for years to come if you will join and take part. The dues is 50 cents a year. Fill out the blank below and send it with your remittance to Prof. R. D. Hissong, 1908 Ingleside Ave., Sioux City, Iowa. If you care to pay two years dues at once or if two people wish to send their dues together, a dollar bill in an envelope will take care of it. If you will call any of the officers on the phone we will arrange to stop and collect the dues, if you prefer to have us.

We have a tentative program for the coming year that will be intensely interesting and instructive. May we hear from you.

Bruce F. Stiles

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Mr.______________________________hereby applies for

membership in the Sioux City Bird Club.

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THE DICKCISSEL

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The Flower's Island Field Trip

The March 20 field trip to Flower's Island was a fine success. The weather for the day was ideal, warm and without a wind. The roads were found in good condition. Fifty-three people made the trip in fifteen automobiles. At least twenty-three species of birds were identified. The trip was primarily planned to show the crowd the large concentrations of Blue and Snow Geese that congregate in this immediate region on their spring migration. One large assemblage was found on a partly flooded wheat stubble about two miles south and east of Hornick, Iowa. The average of the estimates of the crowd was 13,000 birds with about one Snow Goose to five Blue Geese. The party then traveled to Flower's Island where Mr. Flower very kindly pointed out the best picnic grounds. The crowd was afforded a good opportunity to observe the work of the Federal Government on the Missouri River. Wilfred Crabb was leader for the day. E. T. Munroe got the membership campaign well under way.

The next field trip is scheduled for April 10 to Crystal Lake. This trip, barring bad weather, should be one of the best. The varied bird habitats, coupled with ideal picnic grounds and the time of year should make it a most satisfactory outing. Mr. Raws Jensen is to be the leader.

March indoor meeting

The next indoor meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, 8:00 P. M., March 28 at the Martin Hotel. Mr. Wm. Felton is to be speaker of the evening. His topic will be The Lewis and Clark Expedition. Mr. Felton has been over a large part of the Lewis and Clark route and has made a thorough study of the explorations and experiences of this party.

The Dickcissel

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The Last Indoor Meeting and Field Trip

At the indoor meeting of March 28th, Mr. Felton's talk on the Lewis and Clark Expedition was both interesting and instructive. Mr. Felton brought with him the copies of the original journals of Captain Clark, besides other exhibits from the territory through which the expedition traveled.

The Field Trip to Crystal Lake on April 10th was enjoyed by all. Forty-two people attended, and picnic lunch was prepared at noon in the Izaak Walton club house on the south side of the lake. A raw wind blew all day which kept the birds down out of sight, so only a moderate number were seen. A flock of Cedar Waxwings at the club house during lunch hour proved of considerable interest.

On next Sunday, April 24th, Dr. J. A. Dales will be leader of the trip to McCook Lake. The shore birds should be at the height of migration. The Myrtle Warbler should be here, and many of the sparrows will be found in migration at this time. The swamp at the south end of the lake is especially good for water birds. Some that might be found there at this date are the Eared Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, American Bittern, Black-crowned Night Heron, and Sora Rail. The Barn Owl has been found in this area. Start, 8:00 A. M., at foot of Pierce St.

Conventions

The 1938 Convention of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union will be held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 6th and 7th. This is the sixteenth annual meeting of the Union and is the "high spot" of interest for Iowa bird students during the year. The Cedar Rapids Bird Club, cooperation with Dr. Keck of Coe College have plans well under way.

The 1938 annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at the Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan on Friday and Saturday, November 25th and 26th. This will be their twenty-fourth annual meeting.

This month's meeting, April 25th, will be held at the Martin hotel. Prof. Hissong of Central H. S. is providing the program. He is planning on showing some slides of the sparrows of this territory

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While no program of activities was planned for the Summer because of the absence of many of our members, it was thought advisable to publish a "Summer Number" of the Dickcissel covering the late Spring work of the club and bridging over to the first Fall meeting.

Dr. J. A. Dales led the trip of April 24th to McCook Lake. The trip was attended by 40 people. Thirty nine species of birds were identified. From McCook Lake the party left for Stone Park. At noon a picnic lunch was served near the shelter house in the main ravine.

It was decided that a Decoration Day trip to the proposed Lewis & Clark Park near Winnebago, Nebraska would be made in place of one of the regular scheduled trips. The trips of May 8th and May 22nd were combined and both the Brown's Lake area and Peter Hansen's woods were covered on May 15th. This trip was led by Mr. Clarence Brown. Forty Five birds were identified during the day. Picnic lunch was eaten on the north shore of the lake on Mr. Brown's farm.

On May 25th the Bird Club celebrated their 25th anniversary with a banquet held in the Ball Room of the Martin Hotel. Mr. Walter M. Rosene, naturalist from Ogden, Iowa furnished the entertainment with an illustrated lecture, showing over one thousand feet of colored movies taken by himself, and many excellant hand colored slides. His pictures of the nesting of the Duck Hawk were shown here for the first time.

An address of welcome was given by our president Mr. Wilfred Crabb after which Dr. T. C. Stephens talked on the Origin of the Bird Club. Mr. A. F. Allen spoke of the early experiences of the Club. He was followed by Mrs. Mary Bailey who also discussed its early activities. Mr. Bruce F. Stiles spoke on the present activities of the club. This was followed by the introduction of Judge O. S. Thomas, president of the Iowa Ornithologist Union. Ninety six people attended and enjoyed an excellent dinner. Mr. E. T. Munroe Jr. presided as Toastmaster for the evening.

The first fall field trip of the Bird Club will be held on September 11th. This is as early as it will be possible to secure a good turn out. The first trip which will be a repetition of last years first trip to Ponca State Park in Ponca, Nebraska will be again the "election" trip. Last year a good number turned out and enjoyed one of the best parks in this territory. It is highly important that this trip be well attended. At that time something in the way of a complete program can be suggested and the Bird Club started off on another successful year.

Because of the bountiful rainfall this year almost all of the slews and ponds in this territory are full, and as a consequence this fall should be an ideal season to observe the migrations of birds that ordinarily do not pass much time in this territory because of a lack of proper habitat.

On Sunday July 17th, the Sioux City Bird Club in Cooperation with their president, who has recently been appointed State Park Naturalist at Stone Park for the rest of the summer, will sponsor a nature tour of Stone Park.

The tour will start from the Shelter house in the main ravine where Mrs. Mary Bailey will make a short talk on the birds of the park. Along the trail, birds will be identified by Dr. T. C. Stephens, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Armour and Mr. Stiles., Mr. Crabb will point out other items of interest to nature students.

It is planned to make the trip one featuring birds but including the other fauna and flaura, history, and geology of particular interest.

Stone Park, third largest of Iowa's seventy-two State Parks offers a wide field for nature students. Come out and give your organization your support in this first park tour for 1938. The tour will get under way at 8:30 AM which will give you adequate time for an early breakfast in the park before starting.

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Last Meeting

On September 11, the Bird Club began its Fall activities with a combined field trip and business meeting held in Ponca State Park, near Ponca, Nebraska. It was attended by 37 people arriving in 11 cars. Miss Gladys Palmer and R. D. Hissong were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Bruce F. Stiles was elected President to succeed Wilfred Crabb and E. T. Munroe, Jr. was elected Vice President to succeed Mr. Stiles.

A resolution introduced by Dr. J. L. Schott was adopted, which opposed the recently circulated petition to open Brown's Lake Game Preserve to hunting. The Secretary was instructed to inform the State Conservation Commission of the Club's action. Mr. E. T. Munroe, Jr. was delegated to represent the Bird Club in the Woodbury County Wildlife Federation. Mr. Borden Buchanan was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Crabb on the committee which edits and publishes the Dickcissel.

Our Past President

Mr. Wilfred D. Crabb, who so successfully guided the activities of the Club through the past year as our president, has left the city. Having received a research fellowship in zoology and game management at Iowa State College, he took up his duties there last week. The Bird Club deeply regrets the loss of Mr. Crabb and extends to him its congratulations and good wishes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at eight o'clock Monday evening, September 26, in the biology rooms of Morningside College. Lantern Slides of last year's field trips will be shown by members of the Club, and it may be that the College study collection of bird skins will be placed on display. Committees for the year will be named at this meeting which will be open to the public. All members are urged to come and bring their friends.

General Notes

Members are requested to submit short notes to the Dickcissel for publication. We are especially anxious to have records of uncommon birds, unusual bird behavior, nesting records and migration records. The Prothonotary Warbler and the American Egret were seen here this year, and the Eastern Mockingbird is known to have nested in Woodbury County this summer, but we haven't a word in writing about these records. Send this information in that it may be published as a permanent ornithological record for this locality. Give the date, the locality including county and state, the number of birds seen and the names of those who made the observation, together with any other information of interest.

The Bird Club and Conservation

Every man or woman who likes the out of doors, who has enjoyed the trees and flowers of our parks, paused to note the first returning birds of spring, or thrilled with a mysterious feeling of unrest as they watched, high overhead, the wedge shaped flocks of geese swiftly winging their way through the somber autumn sky, every person who has enjoyed one bird, one flower, or one tree, should awaken to the knowledge that it is only through the concerted efforts of nature lovers and conservationists that these things can be preserved in anywhere near their present numbers. Selfish interests are well organized to destroy our remaining wildlife, our forests are being cut down and our streams polluted with the filth of our cities. In Woodbury County alone there are ten thousand acres of land unfit for agriculture. This waste land is just as unfit for wildlife. It was only through unceasing effort that we were able to restore the water level of Brown's Lake. What has been done there is only a drop in the bucket but the Bird Club played its part by adding its strength to that of other organizations. You can't be on the fence; not being for conservation is being against it. Conservation of soil, water and wildlife run hand in hand. They dovetail like the joints in cabinet work and it is as sound economically as it is desirable aethetically.

Legislators are swayed by votes, not needs. It is only by joining our voices that we can be heard above the clamor of selfish interests for legislative favor. This is the thought behind the National Wildlife Federation, with which the Bird Club is affiliated through the State and County organizations. If we are in favor of wildlife conservation, let's do something about it.

It is asking little enough of any nature lover that they add their support to some outdoor organization. Fifty cents spent in a Bird Club membership is a material help in strengthening the forces of conservation.

Let each one of us secure the application of at least three new members and bring them to our next meeting.

Bruce F. Stiles

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Membership dues of 50 cents per year to accompany the application.

Mail to 1908 Ingleside Ave., Sioux City, Iowa.

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E. T. Munroe, Pres. Gladys Palmer, Sec'y.
Raws Jensen, V'Pres. R. D. Hissong, Treas.

The Christmas Bird Census

The ChristmasBird Census will be made in the Sioux City area on Monday, December 26. Unless the number of census-takers is quite small, they will go in separated parties, in order to cover more territory and avoid the confusion of a large single party.

Among the territories suggested to be covered are the following: Stone Park, Riverside Park, Grandview Park, Perry Creek road(not to the north of Stone Park), Logan Park Cemetery, Floyd Cemetery, Graceland Cemetery, South Ravine, Hanson's Woods and the Missouri River, Half Moon Lake, Crystal Lake, McCook Lake, and possibly Brown's Lake. If we take Stone Park as our northern limit all the localities above will lie within our Sioux City area, except possibly, Brown's Lake. But it would be well to take the census in the Brown's Lake locality even though we may not be able to include it in the report to BirdLore. All those who go out for the census are asked to not overlook the open hills, where we may expect to find the horned larks, meadowlarks, longspurs, and possibly others.

In planning for this trip make up your own parties in any way you like, and choose some one as leader. As soon as the party has thus been organized the Leader should telephone the Co-ordinator as to the number of his party and the area selected. If another party has previously selected the same territory, an adjustment of some sort can be made. Any or all parties may start from the foot of Pierce Street at the same time(which should probably be about 8:30 A.M.), but this is not necessary. Those who start out in cars may easily make the start from Pierce Street, while it would be quite difficult for those who go afoot or use the street cars. It might be well to notify the Co-ordinator concerning your plans in this particular.

Those who wish to go and have no party to go with may communicate with the Co-ordinator, and he will try to assign you to a party. One may go alone, but there are good reasons for having at least one companion. It is undesirable for two parties to cover the same territory. Hence, it is best to contact the Co-ordinator a few days beforehand to make sure of your territory. Of course, it is desired that you cover your territory as thoroughly as possible in order to find all of the birds that may be there. Take the necessary time.

Proper clothing will be an important factor in your success and comfort. Do not wear tight shoes. Be clothed for the particular weather conditions prevailing. Be protected against penetrating wind. On the other hand, remember that you can also be uncomfortable with too much clothing.

Perhaps the whole scheme will work out better if all parties report to the Co-ordinator their territory preferences and take assignments, since duplicate reports covering the same territory can hardly be counted.

This census work has now been so well organized that certain definite rules are imposed upon us, that is, if we wish to have our list printed in Bird-Lore. These rules are given in full in the November-December number of that magazine. The most important of these rules so far as field work is concerned, are the following:

1. Make explicit statement as to time of starting and ending of your trip; the territory covered; weather conditions--temperature, wind, precipitation; and names of people in your party.
2. Give the names of the birds identified and the number of each. If you visit more than one locality, make a separate list for each locality.
3. The total area to be covered by the list must not exceed a 15 mile diameter.
4. Each unusual record must be accompanied by a statement of the circumstances and names of observers.
5. In preparing the list for publication various rules must be observed, but this will have to be cared for by the one who summarizes the lists.
6. All reports must be delivered or telephoned to the Co-ordinator on the afternoon or evening of December 26. Since the complete report should be in the mail that same evening(certainly not later than the first mail on the following morning) some fact work must be done. If there are several lists much time can be gained if the Leader will take the written list to the Co-ordinator. If too much time is consumed in taking the list and details over the telephone, the summary may not be completed in time to assure its consideration by the Editor. Unless the Co-ordinator joins one of the parties, he will be available throughout the afternoon for reception of reports.

The above mentioned Co-ordinator is Dr. T. C. Stephens, 2024 S. Royce St. Phone -- 65953.

Contest

The Red Birds, captained by K. W. Smith, has reported four new members, thus making the contest stand with a 37-37 tie at this writing. The new Red Birds are:

Mr. Clarence L. Brown,	Salix Iowa.	Tel. -- 3F11
Miss Martha Kennedy,	2017 Nebraska St.	Tel. -- 85065
Miss Bernice Scantlebury,	1200 Virginia	Tel. -- 84656
Miss Ruth Sampson,	Bolstein Apts. Apr. 9	Tel. -- 87833

Meeting

At the December 12 meeting of the Sioux City Bird Club in the Public Library, Mrs. Mary L. Bailey gave a very interesting account of winter bird census of former years in the Sioux City area. Mr. R. D. Hissong gave a report on the finances of the Club. Mrs. J.A.

Dales talk on Bird Banding was postponed until a future meeting. Approximately twenty-five persons attended the meeting.

A Tentative List of Winter Birds

We give below a list of possible birds in this area. Look them up in your bird books so you will be able to recognize them. No guesses are allowed. You must identify the birds positively by their field marks. Identification by elimination is not allowed. That is, you must not say, "It is not this; and it is not that; therefore it must be so-and-so". Be able to say it is so-and-so because it had such and such a color pattern or other field mark. The only purpose in presenting this list to you now is to encourage you to look up the field marks of any birds which you do not know already, before you go out. Otherwise this list might be a detriment and source of confusion.

Red-winged Blackbird
Bluebird
Blue Jay
Cardinal

Chick-a-dee
Brown Creeper
Red Crossbill
Crow

Mourning Dove
Any of the Ducks
Purple Finch
Northern Flicker

Goldfinch
Bronzed Grackle

Red-tailed Hawk
Slate Colored Junco
Belted Kingfisher
Golden-crowned Kinglet

Prairie Horned Lark
Western Meadowlark
Lapland Longspur
Magpie

Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Quail or Bob-White
Great Horned Owl

Screech Owl
Robin

Northern Shrike
Harris Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Tree Sparrow

Starling
Tufted Titmouse
Bohemian Waxwing
Cedar Waxwing

Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker

Arctic Towhee
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Persons interested in obtaining material on bird preservation or conservation work actively in progress at the present time may contact the Wildlife Research Stations that are working in cooperation with the Biological Survey at Washington, D. C. along these lines:

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvalis, Oregon
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia
Connecticut State College, Storrs, Connecticut
Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa
Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama
Agricultural & Mechanical Arts College, College Station, Texas
Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah

Borden Buchanan

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R.D.Hissong, Treas.

March 6 -- Indoor Meeting

Mr. C. F. Van Eaton will show his colored motion pictures of Lake of the Woods and Ozark-Birds at the indoor meeting March 6 to be held in the Public Library. Everybody and his friends are invited. Van Eaton is to show these same pictures at the National Convention of the Izaak Walton League in March at Chicago.

Iowa Ornithologists Union

The Iowa Ornithologists Union will hold its annual meeting this year at Spirit Lake. This is always a two-day affair. This year the dates are May 12-13, Friday and Saturday. The literary program will be held on Friday, and Saturday will be the field day. Details are being worked out. This will be an opportunity for us in Western Iowa to join one of these meetings and also to make a visit to the beautiful Okoboji region. We would like to send a delegation of about twenty-five Sioux City people to this meeting.

Northwest Iowa Conservation League

New Officers elected January 20 of the Northwest Iowa Conservation League are: J.H.Godtfring, President; Clem H.Ellis, 1st Vice-President; Dr.A.H.Hendrickson, 2nd Vice-President; Dr.J.L.Schott, Secretary; and Geo. Taylor, Treasurer.

Our Christmas Bird Census for 1938

The day before Christmas and Christmas day were clear and windless, and almost ideal for field work. But we had planned to make our census on the day after Christmas. We had divided up into parties with assigned areas for each. The 26th opened up with a cloudy sky and a cold northwest wind. As the morning advanced the wind reached a velocity of 40 to 60 miles, most unfavorable for birds and bird watchers. However, two parties went out for short periods. Mrs. J. A. Dales, Mrs. C. J. Englehardt, and Miss Katherine Lerch made observations during the forenoon at their feeding stations in the neighborhood of Grandview Park. Mr. and Mrs. W.J.Armour and Miss Ruth Schott went to Riverview Park for an hour or two. The following list of birds was obtained: Flicker,1; Hairy Woodpecker,2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Crow, 5; Chickadee, 22; White-breasted Nuthatch, 4; Brown Creeper, 2; Red-winged Blackbird, 1; Cardinal, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 7. Total, 10 species, 48 individuals.

A January Census

The following census list for the Sioux City Territory contains several items of local interest. On January 2, 1939, Prof. T. C. Stephens and I made a little field trip into the wooded area south and west of Brown's Lake. The sky had been quite clear up to the start of our trip about 2:00 P. M. There was practically no wind, and the temperature was 47 degrees F. at noon. The birds are listed in the order in which we saw them first, as follows: Sparrow Hawk, 1; Flicker, 2; Ring-necked Pheasant, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Tree-Sparrow, 3; American Magpie, 1; Crow, 3; Chickadee, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 1; Goldfinch,3; Cardinal, 4; Common Mallard, 12; American Pintail, 1; Mourning Dove, 48. We were pleased to get the winter record of the Sparrow Hawk, which was sitting on a telephone pole between Sergeant Bluff and Brown's Lake. Mr. Bruce Stiles found four Sparrow Hawks at Council Bluffs on December 18, 1938. The ducks were on a sandbar in the Missouri River. A much larger number of Mallards were seen on the previous day in the same area--the number variously estimated from 500 to 1000 ducks, and apparently in migration. The Mourning Doves gave us the greatest surprise. They were in one flock; forty-two birds in one tree, five in another, and one in a third tree. We concluded that winter field work affords thrills just as does any other season. -- Raws Jensen.

Have a Cigar, Sir?

A brand new 1938, eight pound baby boy, Edward Thaddeus Munroe, the third, is now on exhibit at the home of our president and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Munroe, Jr. This future bird club member, "Thad", arrived December 27, 1938. Congratulations for a future bird club president.

Congratulations

Although we were pleased to learn that W. C. DeLong received a position with the U.S.Department of Agriculture making his home at Sigourney, Iowa, we will miss both he and his wife on our future spring field trips.

Appropriate Gift

Bruce Stiles, our recent Sioux City Bird Club President, received the National Geographic Bird Book given him as a token of appreciation by the Club, and says it was very appropriate.

Miscellaneous

It is urged that everybody put out a bird feeding station if possible. This would be a very commendable deed for the bird lover.

Darlene J. Cooper, Editor

Notice of Offices of the Sioux City Bird Club

The president shall have charge of publicity in the local newspapers and shall advise and control the function of the various committees as outlined in the Table of Organization. The president and only the president, with the aid of the Board of Directors shall govern the Sioux City Bird Club. All control and communications shall follow through the proper channels from the president down through the committees and members and from the members through their committee chairman back to the president.

The Board of Directors, composed of three to five members in good standing, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the president advising him in regards to policy and functions of the Bird Club. At no time will any member of this board take it upon himself to instruct any member in their performance of their duties; but they shall advise the president of their desires and he in turn will have their desires properly executed through proper channels as outlined in the Table of Organization.

The vice-president shall function in full capacity and fulfill all duties as outlined for the president when the president is absent. In cast the president resigns, the vice-president will automatically become president and the membership will elect a new vice-president. The vice-president shall have charge of membership and shall keep an individual card of all prospective members. Membership shall be 50¢ per year (Jan.-Dec. inclusive) per person. He shall at regular intervals supply the editor of the "Dickcissel" with a complete alphabetical list of paid up members. This list shall include the phone number, name, and address of each member. When the editor of the "Dickcissel" receives such a list, he shall mimeograph sufficient copies so that each member shall have a list. Membership rosters will be mailed out with the "Dickcissel" at the editors' discretion.

The vice-president will be the one and only member in the Bird Club that can give receipts for dues paid unless the duty is given some other member by him. The vice-president shall provide himself with one or more five-copy membership books. When a membership is written, the original shall go to the member paying his dues. One copy will go to Borden C. Buchanan, 100 S. Cecelia St. for his file; one copy will go to B.O.C.Nelson, 132 Stock Exchange Bldg; one copy will go to W.J.Armour, 515-29th St; and one copy will be retained by Raws Jensen for his file.

During September of each year the vice-president will conduct a membership contest and it will last until mid-nite, Dec. 31 of that year. The present membership shall be divided into two equal teams called the "Red Birds" and "Blue Birds". The teams will then solicit members for the coming year. Each paid member will count one point. The losing team will treat the winning team to a free feed at the Spring Round-Up in April the following year. The vice-president shall turn all dues collected over to the treasurer with the phone number, name and address of the member paid up. He shall secure a receipt from the treasurer acknowledging that he has received paid dues.

The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements and will make a report at each regular business meeting regarding the standing amount of money in the treasury. The treasurer at no time will accept dues from members but will refer them to the vice-president. The treasurer will keep an alphabetical 3 x 5 card file on all paid up members. The treasurer

shall keep all records on three-hole 8½ x 11 inch paper in a book provided for that purpose.

The secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting on three-hole 8½ x 11 inch paper in a book provided for that purpose. The secretary shall keep the attendance record at each meeting and at each field trip, reporting to the president the total number of people present. The secretary will advise the president of any visitors at the meetings or field trips by supplying the vice-president in writing of the phone number, name, and address of the visitor. The vice-president will then make out a separate 3 x 5 card for each visitor and file in his prospect file with the hopes that in the near future such a visitor can become a paid up member. In case the secretary cannot be present at the meetings or field trips, he or she will appoint an assistant to take their place and perform the above duties.

The general policy will be that in case any officers cannot be present at the meetings of the club or the field trips, the officers will appoint an assistant to appear for him or her and shall have all material that is required by the respective officers to fulfill the position.

The vice-president will be the chairman of the membership committee. The president and the vice-president will appoint the captain and two assistants on each team(six people in all). This committee in turn will conduct the membership contest during Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. up until midnight of Dec. 31, at which time the contest closes. Rules governing the contest will be those as outlined under the duties of the vice-president.

The program committee shall consist of a chairman and three assistants. It shall be their duty to arrange for the monthly meeting of the club, secure the place, time, and date for the meeting and the principal speaker or other interesting discussions or topics. Upon completion of their arrangement they shall inform the president two weeks in advance of the time, place, and date (also the name of the speaker and subject). The president in turn will notify the editor of the "Dickcissel" one week in advance so that a paper may be put out informing the members of this meeting.

The field trip committee shall consist of a chairman and three assistants. It shall be their duty to arrange for field trips throughout the year. They shall prepare a schedule of trips giving the time, place, and date for the months of April until October inclusive and shall submit it to the president for his approval in March of each year. Upon approval of the schedule by the president, he will forward a copy to the editor of the "Dickcissel" who in turn will send a copy to all members. Unless otherwise informed, the assembly place for all trips will be the Pierce St. Parking Lot at the foot of Pierce St. This committee will also plan and conduct the Xmas Bird Census and shall have all plans and preparations in the hands of the president by Dec. 1 of each year. The Xmas Bird Census will be conducted on the date, and according to the rules, laid down in "Bird Lore".

The "Dickcissel" committee shall consist of an editor and as many reporters as the editor can secure. As a matter of fact, every member is a reporter and has the privilege of submitting items

of interest at any time to the editor direct. Write or phone him when you have something of interest to the club. The "Dickcissel" shall be the name of the official publication of the Sioux City Bird Club and shall be issued at the discretion of the president and the editor. It will be endeavored to issue a publication every month from November to March inclusive and, as occasion calls for, a publication from April to October inclusive.

The Spring-Round-Up committee shall consist of the captains of both the Red and Blue Bird teams. They will meet and make plans in March for the Round-Up in April and they shall inform the president of the time, place, and date; and the president will get the information through the proper channels to the members. The losing team in the membership will entertain the winning team with a free feed and any other entertainment the committee may decide upon. The chairman of the field trips will inform all members of the coming trip one week in advance of the date of the trip. Members will be informed by one or both or all three of the following methods:

1. Call the editor of the "Dickcissel" and ascertain if a publication is going to be mailed to the members in time to inform them of the coming trip, or
2. Address one-cent postal cards to the members informing them of the coming trip, or
3. Call the president who in turn will call the chairman of the telephone committee who in turn will call all members and inform them of the coming trip.

General:- The above method of informing members also will apply to the program committee so let us use this service. No member will instruct any committee chairman or committee member as to the performance of his or her duties without first consulting the president. The president and he alone will issue instructions to committees and members. Any well organized organization can have only one head, so please co-operate and show your individual good judgment in giving the officers you have elected a chance to do the best they can; and when their term of office is over, then condemn or congratulate them---they can't read their tombstones when they are dead.

The telephone committee shall consist of a chairman and as many assistants as are necessary to properly phohe the members. The president will inform the chairman when the phone calls are necessary. If every one will do his part on this committee we should be able to call all our members in thirty minutes and not overburden anyone with a great deal of work. The telephone call list will be broken up in alphabet order. When a new member is added to our list he will be inserted alphabetically.

Publicity Committee:- The president will see that all announcements of meetings and field trips are given to the local newspapers for publication. Articles for magazines and out-of-town publications will be handled by Dr. T. C. Stephens, 2024 S. Royce St., and it will be his duty to keep such periodicals informed of the activities of the Sioux City Bird Club. Feel free to submit articles that you think are of state or national importance to Mr. Stephens.

The banquet committee will consist of the V. President as chairman and two or more assistants. It shall be his duty to plan & make arrangements for any banquets during the fiscal year. The secretary and treasurer shall always be on this committee. The president shall be an"ex-officio"member of this committee. All resources of the organization shall be used to make the banquet a success:-the "Dickcissel" the phone calls, the postal cards & entire membership.--E.T.Munroe,Pres

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I. O. U. Meeting

The Iowa Ornithologists Union will hold its 1939 meeting at Lake Okoboji May 12 and 13 as scheduled and we wish to encourage the members of our Bird Club to "get up a party" and attend this meeting. Dr.T.C.Stephens is planning to attend and would probably be glad to help any of you plan your trip, answering questions about the meeting which you may have. If any special announcement be made regarding the State meeting, it will be made by post-card in the usual manner.

March 26 Field Trip

This field trip was made to Hornick, Iowa, where the Blue and Snow geese, numbering about 10,000 were seen. A good Bird Club showing was made--there being eighteen cars making the trip.

New Members

Mrs. Frank Harding	417 Nebraska
Mr. W. G. Irwin	Merrill, Iowa
Mr.&Mrs.A.H.Schatz	2900 Jennings

Miscellaneous

Any person who has not, as yet, bought their set of bird stamps may still get them from E.T.Munroe. This is your last chance as the stamps must be turned in within a week. These stamps are well worth having---put them in your bird scrap book.

Itinerary for Season's Field Trips

April 23	Stone Park
May 7	Brown's Lake
May 21	Blue Lake
June 4	River Sioux Park
June 18	WANETA PARK, Peterson, Ia.
July 2	Preparation Park Canyon near Moorhead, Ia.
July 16	Crystal Lake
July 30	South Ravine or Devil's Nest
August 20	Proposed Lewis and Clark State Park (Nebr.)
Sept. 3	Ponca State Park (election of officers)
Sept. 24	Up the Sioux River (eat at Stone Park)
Oct. 8	Riverside Park from Fair Grounds to gas plant.
Oct. 28	McCook Lake
Nov. 12	Flowers Island
Dec. 24	Christmas Census, Stone Park

On all trips, meet at the Pierce St. Parking Lot at 7:30 A.M. except September 3 when we will meet at 1 P.M. (in order that we may be in Ponca State Park in the evening to hear and possibly see the Whippoorwills. All cars must have a white flag of some sort on the radiator cap and a white flag on the rear bumper. There will be a Bird Club banner on the lead car and also a banner on the rear car. Slow moving cars will be in front of the caravan, the speed on the road being 30 miles per hour. At no time will any car pass the lead car or get behind the rear car. The distance between cars should be two blocks at least. The caravan will stop when there is to be a change in direction of travel and not resume until the last car has caught up.

Borden Buchanan

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INTRODUCTION

This is the first publication of the Dickcissel for 1940. You are all invited to submit articles or outstanding points of interests, and at times you will be asked to submit your ideas on certain subjects such as Bird Migration, Banding of Birds, Attraction of Birds to the garden, etc. Please cooperate toward making this publication worthwhile.

The first big meeting of the following season is the Dinner Program February 27th at the Jackson Hotel which is being headed by Mrs. Kenney. She has the program all planned and is expecting all the Bird Club members and their friends to attend. Don't disappoint her or the rest of us by not appearing. Be prepared to sigh up for the new 1940 year.

Dr. T. C. Stephens and Dr. J. L. Schott have contacted a worthwhile speaker in Alfred M. Bailey who has sent us a tentative date of March 18th. Mr. Bailey has an outstanding record in the field of natural science. He is an authority in the field of Ornithology and Mammology, and has been associated with such institutions as the Louisiana State Museum of Natural History 1916-19, Field Museum of Chicago, and was a member of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey, and is at present director of Colorado Museum of Natural History. Mr. Bailey has been on three different Geographical expeditions which have taken him to the once named country of Abyssinia, to Alaska and the island of Luzon. Mr. Bailey will have been in the East prior to his stop here, and will have with him the colored pictures he will have showed to the National Geographic meeting. His photography is considered with the best in the field of wild life.

To bring this speaker to Sioux City and to make a success of it requires the cooperation of every member of the Bird Club. Everyone will be asked to help in the advance sale of tickets that will be ready as soon as the final arrangements are completed. Would it be too much to ask each member of the club to be responsible for the sale of at least four adult tickets? The price will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

When the telephone rings and someone tells you that this is the Bird Club calling, pay careful attention for they have the latest news of all developments concerning the Bird Club,

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Jean Laffoon Makes Unusual Observation

While most bird-lovers regard winter as a period of inactivity, valuable records have been made by those who have "grit" enough to face the icy blasts.

On five days between January 4 and January 15, 1940, inclusive, I was fortunate enough to make observations of a male Arctic Towhee (Pipilo maculatus subsp.) near the foot of Ross Street in Sioux City.

It was distinguished from the common Red-eyed Towhee by the large amount of white in the wings, back and tail. For the sake of accuracy of winter records, every bird-lover should become familiar with these characteristics.

Jean Laffoon, Observer

Winter Feeding of Birds

When winter snows descend upon the landscape, it becomes increasingly difficult for the birds to find enough food to sustain them.

Since man has robbed them of their natural food and shelter, it becomes man's duty to supply the food suitable for each type of bird.

Suet is one food liked by many birds, but especially suitable for wood-peckers, brown creepers, chickadees, and nuthatches. Put in a holder of hardware mesh, and place in a suitable tree, this food is available at all times.

Sunflower seeds and nutmeats are much liked by cardinals, chickadees, and nuthatches. Placed on a food shelf or trolly feeder outside a window, the supply is easily replenished.

Hemp seed, canary seed, and screenings, fine for Juncos and sparrows. These birds are ground feeders and as a rule during a snow storm it requires constant attention to renew the food supply. This winter, for the first time, I have Juncos come to the food shelf outside the kitchen window.

Suet, apples, raisins, bread crumbs, and corn bread, is liked by robbins. The only food that will tempt the Cedar warwings is partially rotted apples. This winter I am feeding Juncos, Woodpeckers, brown creepers, chickadees, nuthatches, one flicker, one pair each of cardinals and blue jays.

Mrs. J. A. Dales

Trip to Brown's Lake

Jan. 14, 1940, - Time: 11 A. M. to 3:15 P. M. - Temperature 8-10 degrees, Bright, wind from N-W - Snow drifting.

Observations: English sparrows 1000, quail 10-15, Meadow Lake 15-20, Chickadee 4, White breasted nuthatch 2, Flicker 2, Starling 4, Downy Woodpecker 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Crows 4, Horned Larks (Hoyt) 50.

Such might be my report to Bird Lore but to the readers of the Dickcissel let me add this, our party, including Drs. Stephens, Schott and the writer drove south on the Lakeport road from Sioux City. At the Max Lasensky Walnut Grove Farm were sparrows by the hundreds, we stopped but could find only English sparrows in the flock. From here we crossed to Sergeants Bluffs and took the road south to Brown's Lake. In front of the Charles Murphy Farm we stopped to observe a brush pile cover made up of tree stumps, here we found a dozen or more Meadow Larks and a marvelous covey of quail which scurried out of sight.

Reluctantly we left this spot and continued south until we camd to the Naughton pasture, here we tramped around, visited the Hairy Woodpecker and saw several chickadees. The thing that interested us was the wild Vervain, Cinquefoil, and Smartweeds still had a good measure of seed.

We could not proceed farther south as the road was blocked with snow drifts so we turned back and went east to the Brown farm. There we noted four starlings and a flock of sparrows by the back door. In a soft maple west of the house we saw a Nuthatch and a Red-bellied Woodpecker. East of Luton along the main road we stopped by a flock of horned Larks (Hoyt) feeding along the gravel road, they seemed to have no fear of the car so we were able to observe them closely. The purpose of this trip was to show Dr. Stephens the Magpies at Brown's Lake. The result was not a disappointment, but a great joy and a good reason to go agaih.

Julia A. Schott (Mrs. J.L.)

PROPOSED ITINERARY OF MEETINGS AND TRIPS

Feb. 27	Program dinner at Jackson Hotel --- Mrs. Kenney
March 3	Optional or independent trip
March 10	Optional or independent trip
March 12	How to identify the vacated nests of birds---R. D. Hissong, City Library
March 17	Optional or independent trip
March 24	Optional or independent trip
March 26	An evening with Mrs. Kenney's canaries ---City Library
March 31	or
April 7	Trip to the bottoms to see Blue Geese-Leader-Jean Lafoon. This trip cannot be arranged definitely for the migration of the geese will vary with the climatic conditions. They should be coming through here some time during the above two week period.
April 13 or 14	Optional or independent trip.
April 21	Trip to McCook Lake region--Leader-Dr. T.C. Stephens This trip should be a good one for observing the early spring birds returning at that time.
April 27 or 28	Optional or independent trip.
May 3-4-5	Week-end trip to Ledges State Park. This trip should be one of the highlights of the spring season. We are planning, at present, to leave Sioux City late Friday afternoon getting to the park that evening, stay in the park Friday and Saturday nights, and return by way of Doliver's State Park just outside Fort Dodge on Sunday
May 10-11-12	Club members who can will go to attend the meetings of the State Societies, Viz: Nebraska Ornithologists Union - Omaha Iowa Ornithologists Union - Dubuque (date subject to later information)
May 18 or 19	Optional or independent trip.

May 26 Preparation Canyon State Park-Leader-H. Asmussen. This trip should be interesting to lovers of birds and flowers alike for at this time birds will be in the midst of their nesting activities and the canyon walls will be purple with Phlox. Here and there will also be patches of pinkish-red columbines.

May 30 Decoration Day Field Trip-Leader-H.Asmussen. On this trip we are planning on going southeast on 141 to Smithland, up the east side of the Sioux River to Correctionville where we will have lunch at the park. After lunch we will go south again along the west side of the Little Sioux River to Oto where we will take a short loop trip and then back by way of Climbing Hill.

This is nothing more than a proposed itinerary which carries us up the first of June. If interest is still keen for additional trips they can be arranged. The optional dates are placed in the schedule so that if rain should prevent us from making a certain planned trip when scheduled we will carry it over to the next week-end. Also by special arrangement with the President, a trip will be worked out and a leader provided on any of the above optional dates if any of the club members wish it. If any such trips are made, please tell the Sec't. of such and also of any outstanding observations.

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SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB
1913 - 1943

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November 29, 1943

FOREWORD

NATURE HAS BEEN GENEROUS HERE IN WESTERN IOWA, IN GIVING US A PECULIARLY RICH FIELD IN WHICH TO STUDY SOME OF HER MANY ASPECTS AND MYSTERIES.

WE SHOULD BE EVER MINDFUL OF THIS, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL.

THUS IT IS THAT DUE TO THE FORESIGHT OF TWENTY-FIVE DEVOTED NATURE LOVERS WHO ORGANIZED THE PRESENT SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB IN 1913, THIS CLUB DECIDED TO MARK THIS 30TH MILESTONE IN ITS HISTORY BY A SPECIAL OBSERBATION.

MR. FRED J. PIERCE, EDITOR OF "IOWA BIRD LIFE", THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION, INVITED THE SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB TO SPONSOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF "IOWA BIRD LIFE". THE CLUB DECIDED TO SPONSOR THIS JUNE ISSUE, CONTRIBUTING A GENEROUS AMOUNT TOWARD THE COST OF PUBLICATION. THE CLUB HAS THUS MARKED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY. THE CLUB FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS HAS BEEN A PIONEER PROJECT ON THE PART OF A LOCAL CLUB THUS SPONSORING AN ENTIRE ISSUE OF A STATE BIRD MAGAZINE.

-ZELL C. LEE-

Officers of the Sioux City Bird Club

1913 - 1943

Year	President	Secretary
1913-14	E. A. Fields	Adah Hood
1914-15	W. J. Hayward	Adah Hood
1915-16	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	G. O. Ludcke
1916-17	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	Adah Hood
1917-18	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	Adah Hood
1918-19	None	Adah Hood
1919-20	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	Adah Hood
1920-21	V. C. Bonesteel	Adah Hood
1921-22	V. C. Bonesteel	Adah Hood
1922-23	V. C. Bonesteel	Adah Hood
1923-24	W. W. Bennett	Adah Hood
1924-25	W. W. Bennett	Adah Hood
1925-26	T. M. Murdoch	Adah Hood
1926-27	T. M. Murdoch	Adah Hood
1927-28	E.A. Fields Dr. A. N. Sloan	Mrs. J. A. Dales
1928-29	Dr. A. N. Sloan	Mrs. J. A. Dales
1929-30	E. A. Fields	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1930-31	E. A. Fields	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1931-32	R. D. Hissong	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1932-33	R. D. Hissong	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1933-34	W. R. Felton	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1934-35	W. R. Felton	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1935-36	W. R. Felton	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1936-37	No meetings: probably no elections.	
1937-38	Wilfred D. Crabb	Gladys Palmer
1938-39	Bruce F. Stiles E. T. Munroe	Gladys Palmer
1939-40	Herrold Asmussen	Jean Laffoon
1940-41	Herrold Asmussen	Jean Laffoon
1941-42	Zell C. Lee	Jean Laffoon Monte Lloyd
1942-43	Zell C. Lee	Carl Wellhausen
1943-44	Zell C. Lee	Carl Wellhausen

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HISTORY OF THE SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB

1913 - 1936

By Mrs. H. M. Bailey.

The Sioux City Bird Study Club was preceded by two similar organizations. In the fall of 1910 a number of bird lovers organized what was called the Ornithological Section of the Sioux City Academy of Science. This group centered around Dr. Guy C. Rich, who became its president. From February to June, 1911, regular semi-monthly meetings were held with programs.

During the following fall, perhaps because of the absence of Dr. Rich, this club did not reorganize. But Rev. Manley B. Townsend, pastor of the Unitarian Church, gathered together a group of interested people under the name of the Nature Study Club. Semi-monthly meetings were held by this club throughout the winter, and many aspects of nature were studied besides birds. Mr. Townsend left the city in May 1912, but field trips were continued by the members.

In the summer of 1913 Miss Adah Hood and W. J. Hayward made visits to the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory on Lake Okoboji, and in conversation with T. C. Stephens, made plans for organizing a bird club in Sioux City. In the fall these plans were not forgotten, and when Dr. B. H. Bailey, of Coe College, chanced to be in Sioux City a meeting was called for those believed to be interested in bird work. Twenty-three persons attended and authorized the appointment of various committees for organization. Dr. Bailey gave an illustrated lecture on birds.

At the next meeting, November 4, organization was completed. E.A. Fields became the first president, and Miss Adah Hood the Secretary. Twenty-five persons signed the Constitution and became charter members. Program meetings were held thereafter at semi-monthly intervals, except during summer months. From 1915 onward the meetings have been monthly from September to May, inclusive. Programs for the stated meetings were made out and printed at the beginning of the year. No program was printed for 1918-1919. For the most part these programs were designed to lead the members over a course of reading; but it often happened that members reported on their own original field observations. The average attendance at these regular meetings ran between twenty-five and thirty.

From the beginning much interest has been taken in outdoor work, and the field trip has been a regular activity of the Club. The variety of habitats around Sioux City has furnished unending interest in this phase of the work. The Christmas census has been made every year with few exceptions, though it has not always been published.

The members of the Club have engaged in a variety of activities. Mrs. Marie Dales took up bird banding in 1924, and since that time has placed aluminum bands on 4,405 birds. Dr. A. F. Allen prepared a weekly column in the Sioux City Journal entitled "Notes of a Nature Lover."

These articles continued over a period of severallyears. Mrs. H.M. Bailey conducted a bird news column in the Sioux City Tribune from 1917 to 1920. Mrs. Bailey also gave instruction in bird study in the Sioux City public schools for a period of nine years. In the spring of 1920 Prof. T. C. Stephen: conducted a special class in ornithology for the club members. These classes were attended by fifteen members.

From time to time our members have participated in efforts to promote the enactment of legislation favorable to wild life, or to prevent unfavorable legislation. The newspapers of the city have always been very generous with space for news of the Club's activities, and the Club has done its utmost to supply information of this kind. In June, 1920, the Club authorized a standing committee on identification, whose function it would be to pass on the validity of all bird records sponsored by the Club. In 1920 Mrs. F. W. Marshall reported trapping six hundred English Sparrows, while Mr. McLaughlin was credited with one thousand. It was found that a delicious meat pie could be made from the pectoral muscles of the English Sparrow, but it took about twenty birds to make a small pie. In 1922 the Club co-operated with the Academy of Science to bring Miss Althea R. Sherman to Sioux City for a bird talk. In 1915 and 1916 the Club held public exhibits in the Library building. These exhibits contained samples of books and magazines devoted to birds, bird glasses, bird foods, bird houses, and such things. A large collection of A: J. Anderson's was set up as part of this exhibit. Mr. Terrell, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, contributed a fine assortment of wildfowl foods, which were displayed to advantage. These exhibits were open throughout the day, and an illustrated lecture was given each evening.

Sioux City has twice entertained the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the Iowa Ornithologists' union in joint session, in 1929 and 1935.

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THE HISTORY OF THE SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB

1937 - 1943

by Zell C. Lee, President,Sioux City Bird Club.

In 1935 the Sioux City Bird Club was host to the Mississippi Valley Conservation Conference, combined with the Iowa Ornithological Union and the Nebraska Ornithological Union.

At this convention illustrated lectures, talks discussions and papers were presented by the following:

E. Dudley Beck, Secretary of the Lewis and Clark Association; Gustav Swanson, Supervisor of Game Management, U.S. Soil Erosion Service, Minnesota; Philip A. Du Mont, Iowa Fish and Game Commission, Des Moines; Dr. Paul L. Errington, Wild Life Research, Iowa State College; I. T. Bode, Fish and Game Division of the Iowa Commission; Dr. Alexander V. Arlton, Dep't of Biology, Dakota Wesleyan University; Dr. G. E. Condra, Conservation and Survey Division, University of Nebraska;

John H. Patton, Forrest Service, U. S. Dept't of Agriculture; Logan J. Bennett, Iowa Fish and Game Commission: John H. Baker, Director, National Audubon Society; Dr. M. M. Ellis, U. S. Bureau of Fisheries; Dr. Rudolf Bennett, U. S. National Park Service and Professor of Zoology Commission; W. M. Rosene, Ogden, Iowa; Earnest G. Holt; U. S. Erosion Service, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Dr. Thomas S. Roberts, Musemm of Natural History and Professor of Ornithology, University of Minnesota.

The first publication "Sioux City Bird Study Review", a news letter, was edited by R. D. Hissong, Central High School Biology Department, in September, 1934.

The present official publication, "The Dickcissel", appeared for the first time in April, 1935, edited by R. D. Hissong. It was named for a certain little bird of the sparrow family whose range is practically restricted to the Mississippi Valley, and has been consistently published since 1937, when the second publication appeared.

In February, 1941, the Club participated in an active campaign opposed to an open season on Mourning Doves in Iowa.

When and where feasible, the Club has met with other clubs of like nature, One such meeting with the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Bird Club, and the Omaha, Nebraska, Bird Club in 1941 at the Moorhead State Park, Moorhead, Iowa.

Continuous records are kept of the birds observed in the Sioux City area, in Woodbury County, in the areas adjacent in Dakota County, Nebraska, and Union County, South Dakota, by members of the Club.

A series of winter bird lists of Sioux City and surrounding territory was stated in 1916 by Dr. T. C. Stephens. Dr. Stephens covered the six winters from 1916 to 1922; Charles J. Spiker listed records from 1922 to 1926; William Youngworth, the four winters from 1926 to 1930; Wilfred D. Crabb, the eight winters from 1930 to 1938; Jean L. Laffoon the three winters from 1938 to 1941; a total of eight papers covering twenty-five winters.

Bruce F. Stiles, now of the Fish and Game Division of the Iowa Commission, and W. W. Trusell, of the State Conservation Commission, have made valuable records on bird observations in this area. Mr. Trusell, observing for the Biological Survey, has made valuable records on migratory water fowl in this area.

The geese trip to the "bottoms" of the Missiouri River around March 20th, has become an annual feature.

The Club has availed itself of the opportunities so generously offered by the two radio stations here, K.S.C.J. and K.T.R.I. for furthering programs on birds.

The Garden Club of Sioux City has invited members of our Club to speak on feeding and attracting birds. The Christmas Bird Count was discussed at length on one of these programs in 1942.

In March of 1943 the Club was invited to hold a two-day exhibit of several types of bird houses, bird feeders, bird baths, feeds, books on birds and attractions of birds to the garden, in conjunction with the Short Course held by the Garden Club of Sioux City.

The Club has always co-operated with the National Audubon Society and Iowa Bird Life in taking the Christmas Bird Count.

On May 9, 1943, the Club co-operated with the Iowa Ornithologists' Union in the First Iowa Annual May Bird Survey.

In co-operation with the Northwest Iowa Conservation League and the local N.Y.A., the Club made available and distributed a large number of bird feeding stations in this area, in the winter of 1942 and 1943.

In these last few years when our country is at war, the Club has curtailed activities to some extent, but the dreams and ideals in the nature field, with conservation of all natural resources, the furthering of nature appreciation, with a look to the future, have not been lost sight of. The Club has carried on.

On our roster of those In the Service of Our Country are:

Dr. Wilfred D. Crabb, Pharmacist's Mate 2d Class
Daryle N. Crabb, Pharmacist's Mate
Corporal Herrold Asmussen
Jean L. Laffoon, Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class
Captain E. T. Munroe
Bob Young
John Stichnoth
Dean Stichnoth
Private Warren M. "Bunny" Bates.

The Annual Dinner Meeting in March of each year has come to be an instituation of the Club. An out-of-town speaker is brought in and a special program is given.

On November 29, 1943, the Sioux City Bird Club observed the 30th anniversary of its organization. The names of those who constituted the charter membership are: Fred C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. J: Hayden, Nettie R. Beach, Louisa Selover, Edith Hadley, Pearl Woodford, Martha C. Sanborn, Helen Giehm, Nellie Upham, Kathleen Webb, Mrs. G. H. Flynn, E. A. Fields, Ella Hubbard, T. C. Stephens, Mrs. T. C. Stephens, L. N. Hintgen, W. J. Hayward, Jos. W. Pardos, Adah Hood, G. Vernon Green, A. F. Allen.

Time has marched on, and the seeds planted in 1913 have borne fruit, figuratively speaking. Still on the roster of the charter members are: Dr. A. F. Allen, Sioux City; Nettie R. Beach, Seattle, Wash.; Kathleen Webb, Sioux City; Ella Hubbard, Sioux City; Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City; Adah M. Hood, Chicago, Illinois; G. Vernon Green, Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hayden, Nakomis Florida; Edith Hadley, Fenton, Mich; Mrs. Pearl Woodford Buchner, Chicago, Illinois; Jos. W. Pardoe and Ruby C. Pardoe, Hollywood, California; Mrs. Nellie Upham Briggs, Iowa City, Iowa; Mrs. Helen Giehm Barrett, Sioux City. On the program for the dinner party in observation of the 30th anniversary, the welcome to the charter members was given by Mrs. H. M. Bailey. The "Tree of Life of the Club" was given by

Dr. T. C. Stephens. The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. C. A. "Bert" Harwell, naturalist and ornithologist, National Audubon Society, California, in an illustrated colored moving picture of wildlife titled "Wings Over the Desert", and full of his inimitable bird calls. About two hundred persons attended this dinner and lecture.

1913: Dr. B. H. Bailey, Coe College
1915: Professor Myron H. Swenk, University of Nebraska
1915: John A. Spurrel, Wall Lake, Iowa
1916: Ernest Harold Baynes, Meriden, N. H.
1919: Prof. Homer R. Dill, State University of Iowa
1920: Prof. L. H. Pammel, Iowa State College
1920: Wm. L. Finley, Lecturer, Oregon
1920: Prof. Charles R. Keyes, Cornell College
1921: Prof. A. P. Larrabee, Yankton College
1921: Leroy Tidus Weeks, Emmetsburg, Iowa
1922: Charles Bowman Hutchins, Bird Imitator.
1922: Althea R. Sherman, National, Iowa
1923-1928-1938- Walter M. Rosene, Ogden, Iowa
1924: Rev. George Bennett, Iowa City, Iowa
1926: Prof. Craig S. Thoms, University of South Dakota
1926: Rev. P. B. Peabody, Topeka, Kansas
1934: Philip A. DuMont, Des Moines, Iowa
1935: William Kilgore, University of Minnesota
1940: Alfred M. Bailey, Denver Museum of Natural History
1941-1943: Bruce F. Stiles, Fish and Game Division, Iowa Conservation Commission.
1942-1943: C. A. Harwell, National Audubon Society, California.

The Club passed its 30th milestone with a feeling of pride in this long period of continuous organization and activity. It has the honor of being the oldes bird club in the State of Iowa, and it takes its place as one of the old, active clubs in the United States. Great progress has been made in the bird study and wildlife conservation during the last three decades.

The Sioux City Bird Club is proud to have had an active part in the work, and to have recorded many valuable observations in the limitless field of nature in western Iowa. The writer has deemed it a privilege to set down some of the outstanding events of the Club.

Zell C. Lee, President

1941 - 1944

NOTES AND LETTERS

from

Members and Friends of the

SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB

on the observation of the 30th Anniversary.

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COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB
5617 Harcourt Ave.
Los Angeles, 43, Calif.
November 24, 1943.

Mr. Carl Wellhausen, Secy.
Sioux City Bird Club,
510 Davidson Bldg.,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Wellhausen:

In answering your letter requesting a word to read on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Sioux City Bird Club, November 29, 1943, I might say that since leaving our good city twelve years ago, I enjoy the reputation of being a very poor correspondent.

Yet, during these twelve years the Club has been in my mind often. One cannot expose himself to its goodness for so long a period without being influenced for life. Nor is the great benefit of the Club so much in knowledge of birds as in fellowship. There are many kinds of fellowship, but that of the Sioux City Bird Club, as it sits around a delectible dinner table indoors, or eats the bacon and eggs of a camp-cooked breakfast afield, perhaps prepared by some member of great stomach-satisfying personality, stands both distinctive and highly valuable. The fellowship of field trips is the best kind anyone can ever find. The name of the Club could well be "Sioux City Fellowship Club." If any visitors are present I hope they will appreciate this well enough to join. The older members will recognize it has been said many times before.

During these same twelve years I have here and there found that the good reputation of the Club has extended far from Sioux City. I recall discussions about it in New York City, Washington, D. C., Montreal and Ottawa, Canada, Boston, New Orleans, St. Louis, Denver, and Berkeley. Many have praised its thirty long years' existence, and the inspiration of its activities, as well as its splendid progress lately.

But it is quite different from other groups. You may ask what the Cooper Club of our Pacific Coast is like. Up to now it has been a little difficult for me to say, but my new duties as Secretary of its Southern Division are bringing me into better acquaintance with members. There are many more professional ornithologists and serious bird students from other walks of life, such as engineers, salesmen, clerks, school teachers, mail carriers.

There is much more formality and dignity to their meeting than your Club used to have. There are more egg collectors and photographers among them than I ever saw before. They are fine folks and I hope all of you will be able to attend some of their meetings soon. Just now it is a Sioux City affair. Its president, you know is also a Sioux Cityan, Dr. I. D. Nokes, who spent boyhood days in Morningside. He has an excellent collection of eggs, and last spring a pair of Burrowing Owls nested in the downspout of their home.

Dr. Guy C. Rich, a former president of the Cooper Club, a former Sioux Cityan, is well. The last time I saw him was when I took George Miksch Sutton over to spend an evening with him. The Doctor was as elated as I ever saw him. He is now eighty-two years old, and totally blind. He had two impacted wisdom teeth that had just been yanked out, so he felt better.

My field work is limited by the O.P.A., but I did complete three years' research work on one of our colorful birds, and took on the side five thousand feet of Kodachrome. It is now being printed by one of our Hollywood laboratories, and may be available soon. It is a study in socialism in bird life. I am most thankful to have a wonderful wife who joins me on all field trips, as well as Cooper Club work.

Bird studies keep me so busy there is little time for business. I'm supposed to operate my own insurance agency. For three terms I have been elected secretary of the Insurance Agents' Association of Los Angeles, and as Educational Director teach insurance courses at the University of California Extension Division. The Insurance Commissioner of the state has just approved my course as a requirement for insurance agents in this state. However, business is a bore as long as birds are about.

Usually I can find time from the insurance business to take a short trip to show friends a few of our interesting ornithological facts, and I hope all of you will come to see me some time. We have some wonderful hummingbirds. Our lawns and yards have the Brewer's Blackbird, replacing your Robin, - the Mockingbird instead of the Catbird, - the beautiful Arizona Hooded Oriole replacing your Baltimore, and the Bush-tit and Phainopopla that would be entirely new to you. So please let me know when you come, and take down my address now. The residence is 5617 Harcourt Ave., and my business is the Bennett-Werner Co., 541 South Spring St., both in Los Angeles.

You may want to see the fascinating desert that Bert Harwell is going to tell you about. I'll take you there. We heard him give the same talk here this fall, and enjoyed it much. It was right after leaving Sioux City that I spent a happy summer as Ranger-Naturalist under the National Park Service with Bert at Yosemite, lecturing and going afield much, and I can say that Bert knows what he is talking about. He will give you an excellent lecture, and I'm glad you chose him for the occasion.

In closing, I want to compliment the Club on the good work I have been hearing about these past few years. I hope the next thirty years of its activities are as excellent as those of the past, and I want to express my sincerest regards and warm wishes for all of

you as individuals. And further, the greetings of the Cooper Club itself on this, your gala occasion.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter W. Bennett,
Secretary, Southern Division.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

State Bird of Iowa: The Goldfinch

November 20, 1943.

Carl Wellhausen, Sec.,
Sioux City Bird Club,
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Wellhausen:

I would like to send the following greetings to the Sioux City Bird Club:

I am very sorry not to be with you on this 30th Anniversary of your organization, for three reasons:

First, I would be very glad to renew acquaintance with the many members of the Sioux City Bird Club whom I have met at annual meetings of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

Second, as President of the I.O.U. I feel pleasantly obligated to help sponsor the activities of the various bird clubs throughout the state, but the combination of gas rationing, transportation difficulties, and the Army Air Corps Cadet program at Iowa State Teachers College, makes it impossible for me to be here tonight.

And, third, I seriously regret missing the opportunity of hearing and seeing the pictures of a man as justly famous in ornithological circles as is Bert Harwell. I have just received some very favorable reports concerning a recent program he gave November 15th in Kansas City, for the Burroughs Nature Study Club.

Thank you most exceedingly for your kind invitation, which I sincerely regret not being able to accept.

Very sincerely,

Martin L. Grant

Fenton, Michigan
November 23, 1943.

Mr. Carl Wellhausen,
Secretary of the Sioux City Bird Club
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Greetings and congratulations to the Sioux City Bird Club on its thirtieth anniversary. How proud I feel to be a charter member! Though absent in body, I shall be with you in spirit, recalling interesting club meetings and field trips out to Riverside and down the ravine under the leadership of Dr. Stephens, and many side trips with another club member and enthusiast, - Pear Woodford Buchner, who introduced me to the Horned Lark, and to your Western five-strand barb wire fences.

In my humble way, I have tried to pass on this enthusiasm and bird-lore to my boys and girls. We have taken field trips and kept a bird calendar, and it is a great satisfaction to have these former students drop in to tell me about some particular bird they have seen (recently the whistling swans were here), or to get help in identifying a bird they do not recognize.

Success to the Club, and many more years of helpfulness, interest and enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Edith Hadley

ISAAC S. HELLER
Attorney at Law

New Orleans

November 19, 1943.

Mr. Carl Wellhausen
510 Davidson Bldg.,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Wellhausen:

Your letter with the footnote written on behalf of the Sioux City Bird Club was opened by the undersigned, who is handling the affairs of the late Mr. Guion.

Mr. Guion died very suddenly the first of August. He is Mourned by his many friends.

Yours very truly,

Isaac S. Heller

4819 North Francisco Ave.
Chicago, Zone 25, Illinois

To the Sioux City Bird Club:

Thank you so much for the invitation to attend the dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Sioux City Bird Club. I am very sorry indeed that I cannot attend.

As I read "30th Anniversary" I stopped and counted. I really could not believe that it was 30 years since we met in the Lecture Room of the Public Library and organized the Sioux City Bird Club.

I wonder how many of those present at that time are with you tonight? My thoughts will be with you, and I am sending my heartiest congratulations to all the members of the Club who have carried on the work all these thirty years, and wish them all future success.

The last two summers I have spent in a Boys' Camp, and have had Bird Study classes. I have been very much surprised at the knowledge of these little boys of Bird life and also nature.

I am sure the interest and study of birds in the Public Schools is due to the work and efforts of the many Bird Clubs throughout the land.

Thanking you again for your kind invitation, and with heartiest congratulations and all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Adah M. Hood

Marion, Va.
11-24-43

Friday and Saturday next arrangements have been made for a field trip, in and around Marion, Va. Sorry to have to miss the 30th anniversary dinner.

B. O. C. Nelson

(Note from our Vice-president while on his sojourn in Virginia.)

January 22, 1944.

Dear President:-

It was very kind of you to write, and to send the Anniversary Menu of the Sioux City Bird Club. I appreciate it, you may be assured.

If I have contributed anything toward the study of birds there, it was not work, but a pleasure. Not that work may not be also a pleasure, but it never occurred to me that anyone would consider my notes of any interest at all. It was only selfishness that prompted it. My personal pleasure to go a-birding. I only hope that you will understand me, and not think too harshly of my selfishness. If anythink I did may prove of value, they may use them freely. There were others that took pleasure in bird study before my time, and their notes were of much use to me. There were few priorities left for me. Again thanking you, and wishing the best of good hunting to all the members of The Club, I am

The now old-timer

Guy C. Rich

P.S. As I could not distinguish a Song Sparrow from a Red-tailed Hawk, except by their notes, must ask forbearance for any and all mistakes.

1800 El Cerrito Place, Zone 28
Hollywood, Calif.

THE CHEROKEE STATE BANK

Cherokee, Iowa.

Nov. 27th, 1943

Mr. Carl Wellhausen,
510 Davidson Bldg.,
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Stiles and myself really appreciate your invitation to Bird Club meeting, but we find we cannot make it. We are sorry.

As an item of interest might I report to Dr. Stephens that I saw 51 Sandhill Cranes in one flock this fall, and have a witness in an old-time hunter, and also a young farmer who saw them several miles from our observation point and described them for identification. I had thought I never would see so many again. Their rules of flight seem so different from geese or ducks. It was fun to see the old female at the rear right tip, whip up, and tell the old boss in the lead that she saw us with a gun, and to see him point his neck and head down for confirmation, and then turn the whole flock straight for Sioux City. The darn fool was far safer here, but that's what comes from backseat driving.

Yours truly

N. L. Stiles

From the Sioux City Journal on the 30th Anniversary Meeting held in the Martin Hotel Ballroom, November 29, 1943:

Nov. 30, 1943.
THE SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

HE CAN SING MUCH LIKE BIRDIES SING, AND DOES AT ANNIVERSARY BANQUET HERE.

Imitations by Naturalist Delight Members of Club

Rambling through his experiences as an Audubon Society Field Representative; using a piano, a microphone and a technicolor movie as his equipment, and whistling and voicing imitations of bird calls to accompany them, C. A. ("Bert") Harwell of California lectured to an audience of bird lovers that chuckled and applauded Monday evening at the Sioux City Bird Club's 30th Anniversary banquet in the Mayfair hotel.

Egret, heron, Scott oriole, duck, housefinch - these and others were shown in a movie taken by Mr. Harwell in the Imperial Valley desert areas of California, and brought to life by his microphone commentaries and his lifelike imitations of bird calls.

Songs and calls were of basic interest to the California bird student. Pointing out a bird's advantage over a human in singing, he said that humans have but one set of vocal chords for both talking and singing, but that birds are equipped with a more flexible and wider-ranged vocal talent.

First in his evening's "variety show" Mr. Harwell played a happy birthday greeting on a piano in honor of the club's 30th anniversary. Next followed, in rapid succession prior to the film showing, poems set to music, bird call imitations and a discourse-studded with examples - on pitch.

Another feature of the anniversary program, at which Miss Zell C. Lee, Club President, was master-of-ceremonies, was a brief reminiscence by Prof T. C. Stephens, Morningside College, of the history of the club, which is believed to be the oldest active club of its kind in Iowa. Prof. Stephens recalled an early day bird exposition sponsored by the club and writings by some of its members. A. F. Allen, editor of The Journal, was commended for his former newspaper column, Notes of a Nature Lover.

Mrs. H. M. Bailey welcomed charter members of the bird club, which was founded in 1913 with a roll call of 25. Mrs. W. W. Barrett responded. Karl Kuhlmann, one of the club's newest and youngest members, spoke on Wings From 1943 Into the Future.

THE 44TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Sioux City, Iowa
(Woodbury County)

Brown's Lake area; Brower's Lake area; War Eagle's Monument Park Woods; along confluence area of Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers; Lower Riverside area; along Big Sioux River; hill woodland, mature deciduous virgin heavy timberland 65%, lake and river country 25%, open hill and lowland 10%. December 19, clear; temperature mean of 30 degrees F.; Wind north, N.W., mean velocity 18 m.p.h. Start at 10:00 A. M. in the field; return at 7:00 P. M. from the field; ground mostely bare; some large patches of hard packed snow still remaining from heavy blizzard of November 8; All of lake water except area south of Hoever's Island frozen over. Missouri River had some ice on it; Big Sioux River frozen over. Twelve observers in five parties. Total hours afield: 50 (45½ by foot, 4½ by car.) Total party miles 98: (31 by foot, 67 by car). Mallard 5000 (est.); red-tailed hawk, 8; red-shouldered hawk, 1; Swainson's hawk, 2; marsh hawk, 4; sparrow hawk, 1; pheasant (ring-necked), 1; coot, 1; Screech owl, 2; great-horned owl, 3; flicker, 15; red-headed woodpecker, 5; hairy woodpecker, 5; downy woodpecker, 19; blue jay, 2; magpie, 1; Am. crow, 772; black-capped chickadee, 72; white-breated nuthatch, 17; red-brested nuthatch, 3; brown creeper, 5; robin, 9; bluebird, 4; golden-crowned kinglet, 1; ruby-crowned kinglet, 1; starling, 5; English sparrow; 135; red-winged black-bird, 14; bronzed grackle, 564; cardinal, 6; goldfinch, 7; junco, 41; tree sparrow, 31; Harris sparrow, 5; Total 34 species; 6763

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour, W. W. Trusell, Zell C. Lee, Karl Kuhlmann, Don Busher, Dr. and Mrs. John L. Schott, Carl Wellhausen, Mrs. Mayme Brown, Mrs. Marie Dales, Mrs. Max Foster, - Members and guest, Sioux City Bird Club.

Footnotes: The season has remained open all fall, which accounts for so many of above listed species remaining in this area at this count. Very little precipitation and great deal of clear weather. Temperature much above normal for this area. Our only below-zero recordings were during December 12-17, inclusive. Cover in all this territory heavy, natural feed plentifully abundant over entire area, due to sufficient rainfall during spring and early summer.

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The Spring issue follows.

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"The Dauntless"

While the lakes are cupped in the hands of hills,
Frozen and heavy, like spillings of lead,
And the earth is like marble, immobile and dead,
And the corn is gray, and a winter-ache yet fills
The soul - then, borne on a south breeze,
Rising and falling, breaking and piercing,
clear
As the sonorous trumpets of kings are these,
The challenging voices I thrill to hear-
Listen! The wild geese are calling!

There! Flung high, strung in wise array
That tempts men's minds, the arrowed flight
Majestic, soaring, conquering moonlit night,
Winning the pink dawn, coursing the precious day,
Hear them, trailbreakers, voicing their prowess!
Start to the music, to the brazen notes,
To the raucous, turbulent wake of their progress,
Learn the song flung from exultant throats-
Listen! The wild geese are calling!

Somewhere they know of a stream that is open,
And somewhere the sheltered grass is green.
Soon they shall rest, they shall reconvene,
On pine-rimmed pools unkown to men
of little faith. O gallant vanguard, fly!
There etched on the coppery plate of the sun
We see your living symbol set on high -
The "V" emblazoned for victory won,
O men of earth, stumbling, falling,
Lift up your eyes! Look up and
Listen! The wild geese are calling!

Line o'Type column in the Chicago Tribune.

BIRD NOTES

FROM

OUR MEMBERS

AT

DISTANT POINTS

ARMY AIR FORCES BOMBARDIER SCHOOL
MIDLAND ARMY AIR FIELD
MIDLAND, TEXAS.

Dec. 24, 1943.

Dear Bird Club Members:

Just a little about the bird life down in these parts. As you all know, bird life changes as vegetation and temperature changes. During the hot part of the summer there is very little bird life seen around town, and out on the hot flats I have noticed a few species of sparrows and one species of thrush. It has not been possible to make definite identification, as I have no bird book nor field glasses here.

One of the most frequent birds seen during the summer is the scissor-tailed fly catcher. This bird has about the same characteristics as the Arkansas king bird, that is, sitting on a wire fence, or post, and taking off after any insect that might be seen, and of course, making a lot of noise during the process. The forked tail is about eight inches long. It spreads way out when the bird is about ready to make the kill. The tail serves about the same purpose as airplane flaps do in landing a plane.

The young of this species of bird develops about the middle of September. Within a short time of that period a great number are noticed during the day, each fighting for what food is obtained. Then, all at once, the fly-catchers are all gone. They show up again about April.

The fall season brings a great number of migrants through here, such as the hawks, Warblers, vi ?, and of course ducks and geese, which land on water holes made by ranchers for range cattle. The most interesting fall migrants were the humming birds. I noticed several species passing through stop at our canna-lilies in the middle of our squadron area.

During the winter we have the finches, which toward spring come out with a beautiful song. At present, and we will have until spring, great numbers of meadow-larks. I doubt if they are the same species as found in Iowa. They do not sing during the winter, but in early spring they come out with a song a great deal like those up north. During this part of the winter I have noticed no Lark-Buntings, - however, in February great flocks are seen along the highways.

Probably the most interesting birds coming in here during December are the Starlings. These birds come to the towns to roost, in the evenings. They start working their way into this territory about the first of December. At present they are so thick on the large chinese elms around the court house, it seems the trees are covered with black leaves. All the buildings are also covered with the short-tailed, yellow-billed birds. About a week ago the electricity for the city of Midland was shut off for about three hours. I was told Starlings in great numbers had been killed trying to roost on the transformers, causing a short circuit.

The birds come in each evening from their feeding grounds in flocks numbering thousands. They circle over the heart of the city as a swarm of bees circle the hive they are about to leave, and like bees, at a seemingly given signal, all rush to find a place to rest for the night. They are so thick at time they try to roost on each other. After the birds are all in, they seem to communicate with each other, setting up a chatter that can be heard some distance from the area.

Small boys with B.B. guns have a field day each night. All that is necessary is to point the gun up and pull the trigger. About half the time down comes a Starling,

In the morning the Starlings will take off again all at once. Hardly one will be seen, then, until evening. The birds disappear around the first of the year.

The month of October is open for shooting of Mourning Doves. A great number are killed. On December 1st open season started on Quail, and there were lots of them this fall. They are called Blue Quail down here. A great number of the quail were killed by hawks this fall, due to lack of cover. The conditions were caused from the very dry summer and over grazing.

Lou and I would both like to get back and go out on some good hikes, and have a piece of good steak cooked over the open fire. Until it is possible, we will just have to think about it.

Sincerely,

HERROLD ASMUSSEN

WOODMEN BIRDS

WOODMEN Sanitorium is a few miles north of Colorado Springs, Colo. in foothill country; with broad, flat plains visible to the east, and mountains to the west. The principal plants are mountain mahogany, scrub oak and pine. The climate is very dry and generally far more clement than that of Sioux City. As an example; what little snow we do have here never melts, - it evaporates.

Since the exercise I am permitted to take here is strictly limited,

I have been able to see only the "tamer" type of birds which frequent door-yards, residential areas, etc; but I can enumerate for you the ones I have seen.

Our common residents are Red-shafted Flickers, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Steller's and California Jays, Magpies, Crows, Black-capped Chickadees, one or two English Sparrows, and House Finches. Also seen in winter are Whitebreasted Nuthatches and a large number of juncoes; mostly Gray-headed and Pink-sided, but also a few Oregon, Slate-colored, and White-winged Juncoes. Most of the Juncoes have left by the last of March, but a few gray-heads stayed on last spring until May 21st.

With the middle of April we have Robins, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, Western Meadowlarks, and Spotted Towhees, followed later by Mourning Doves, White-throated Swifts, and Audubon's Warblers (migrants).

I saw two new arrivals on the 25th; 11 Brewer's Blackbirds, and three Pine Siskens. Both became quite prominent in our Bird Society, especially the Siskens (for a time, at least.) A big crop of dandelions was in seed, and the Siskens moved in to eat it up. They increased steadily until there were 150-200 on May 4th. Then they declined to three on the 7th, but increased again to well over five hundred on May 20th, and three hundred on the following day. The lawns were literally covered with them. Most of them disappeared after that, but a few stayed on, and a nest was found on June 14th with eggs in incubation.

These blackbirds are an amusing lot, and I got a lot of fun out of them. For some reason they detested an old black cattle dog we had around here. They never missed an opportunity to pester him, three or four of them flying down from all sides to peck him. The old dog seems to be taking it very good-naturedly, and ignored them completely; but after the nesting season I found a fledgling blackbird torn to shreds!

April 26th was an unusually windy day, and provided a good opportunity to see 20-25 White-throated Swifts in action. These little birds could best be described as animated P-38s! I had never seen anything like them. Also seen that day were an American Raven and three hawks I thought might be Swainson's Hawk, Prairie Falcon, and Sparrow Hawk.

The coming of May brought 5-10 Violet-green Swallows, and two or three pairs of House Wrens. On the evening of the 5th I began to hear a peculiar plaintive, two-noted call that I couldn't identify until July 30th, when I saw it, - a Poor-will. During the middle of May a few Cowbirds and a good number of Black-headed Grosbeaks arrived. On the 17th I saw three Evening Grosbeaks, but didn't see them again until fall, when a small flock of them in molting plumage wandered about for two or three weeks.

During the first week of June came a few Catbirds, and the Yellow Warblers, followed by Nighthawks and Arkansas Goldfinches. A young

Catbird (unable to fly), was seen on the ground with an adult on July 4th. Not many Nighthawks were seen until after the nesting season (July 11,) when a flock of twenty-six was seen passing over. Four new ones were recorded on the 9th; Broad-tailed Humming bird, Western Wood Pewee, Warbling Vireo, and Bullock's Oriole. A Broad-tailed Hummingbird's nest was found on July 12th, with two eggs in incubation. I observed these little fellows chasing Robins, the same way a kingbird chases a Red-tail. The wings of the males make a characteristic ringing noise, by which they can be identified. The Western Wood Pewee is a different species from our Pewee in Sioux City; the one here has a single-noted, slurring call. The call of the Bullock's Oriole is easily imitated, and he will readily carry on a conversation with you. On July 2nd I saw two Lewis' Woodpeckers, and also several times later.

I failed miserably in the fall; but I can, however, state with some accuracy, the salient point of the whole migration; the flocks of Arkansas Goldfinches that gathered here in August, and left rather abruptly in September. There probably weren't over forty or fifty in the whole area, but they seemed to be a lot more. These little birds have a characteristic note, but they also have scores of other voices, and I wasn't familiar with them all. It seemed like all of them were restlessly flying to and fro, and calling incessantly. I would be trying to look in a dozen different places at once, at birds which were all giving different calls, and still seeing nothing but Arkansas Goldfinches. The situation is amusing in retrospect, but it was quite irritating at the time. I did manage to see Red-naped Sapsuckers, an adult male Williamson's Sapsucker, and a pair of Virginia's Warblers, in spite of the static.

Respectfully,

MONTE LLOYD

Somewhere in the New Hebrides

January 2, 1944.

Sioux City Bird Club
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Friends:

This letter will be short, but its length will not indicate the number of times I think of the Club, and of the field trips we took in the "good old days." It certainly is gratifying to hear of the many successful activities that the present officers and members are carrying on in spite of difficulties brought on by the war, and all concerned really deserve a pat on the back.

I look forward with enthusiasm to coming back and having a part in field trips of the future, as the Marsh Hawk and Barn Owl are the only species of the old familiar bird fauna that I have seen in many months. Most of the other birds I see are entirely different, and

since I have no literature on them, very confusing. Some of the commoner species here are the Silver-eye, Mangrove Kingfisher, several Doves, including one about the size of a Crow, several Swallows, a Bittern, Scarlet and Black Honey-eater, a Fantail, etc. But I was going to make this short, so I will close, with best regards to all the members, new and old.

A fellow Bird-enthusiast,

Jean Laffoon, PhM2c
U.S.Naval Base Hospital Six
N.A.B Navy 140
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California.

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"HERE THEY COME."

March blows in the robin, the bluebird, the grackle,
They are greeted by chickadee, cardinal, downy.
Geese in V-shape fill one with wonder,
Tells us that springtime is coming with thunder.

April's cool breezes call the red-wing, the cat-bird,
Here come the numerous early spring singers,
Sparrows and orioles and warblers in May,-
These are the signs that warm weather will stay.

June says all the species of birds are now here,
The lovely dickcissel is the last to appear.
It's song is abundant, melodious and sweet,-
Warns of hot weather and slow, tired feet.

By Mary E. Moser.

March 27, 1944

"BIRDS OF THE SOUTHERN WILDERNESS" was subject of the Sioux City Bird Club sponsored lecture, for the March meeting.

With Birds of the Southern Wilderness as his subject, Alexander Sprunt, Jr., lecturer and nationally known ornithologist, addressed an audience of approximately six hundred this evening at North Junior High School. His address was illustrated with colored motion pictures in slow motion and otherwise, which showed many varieties of

wild fowl little known in the north.

Mr. Sprunt is Southern Representative of the National Audubon Society, and his appearance here was sponsored by the Sioux City Bird Club.

This special meeting had been arranged last November 6th, when Mr. Wayne Short, the mid-western representative of National Audubon Society was here in our city, and met with our Executive Board to arrange for the Harwell lecture on November 29th, the date set by the Club for the 30th Anniversary meeting.

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2ND ANNUAL SPRING BIRD COUNT

Sioux City, Iowa.
May 9, 1944

Mr. Myrle L. Jones,
Waubonsie State Park
Hamburg, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Sioux City Bird Club is happy to send the following report of the Second Annual Iowa Spring Bird Census, which was taken on Sunday, May 7, 1944, in the Sioux City area.

Areas covered - Brower's Lake, War Eagle's Monument Park, along confluence of Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers, lower Riverside, Westside, Grandview Park, Stone Park, along Big Sioux River from Riverside to Stone Park, Plum Creek territory, Logan Park. Topography of land as follows: hill woodland, deciduous virgin timber land, 50%, lake and river country, 25%, open hill and lowland, 25%. Time: May 7, from 6:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Temperature at start 40 degrees, at return 65 degrees. 16 observers in 5 groups. Total party hours, 116; total car miles, 48; total foot miles, 25. Partially overcast; visibility fair to good. Sun out at times during day to cast a shadow. Observers:- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour, Edna Brower, Don Bushar, Esther Freiert, Carl Fritzsche, R. D. Hissong, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lambert, H. B. Lloyd, Monte Lloyd, Charlotte Osborne, Ruth Sampson, Gertrude Weaver, Carl Wellhausen, Zell C. Lee.
Sioux City Bird Club.

Species as follows:

Pied-billed grebe, 2; blue-winged teal, 11; shoveller, 11; red-head duck, 4; lesser scaup, 4; sharp-shinned hawk, 1; osprey (observed with fish in it's mouth), 1; sparrow hawk, 3; ring-necked pheasant, 7; Sora rail, 1; coot, 150 (est.); killdeer, 1; lesser yellow-legs, 1; herring gull, 9; black tern, 1; mourning dove, 94;

great horned owl, 4 (2 adult birds and 2 young birds with down still on them - the two young were observed in the nests -, the nests (two), in locales widely separated,); chimney swifts,7; eastern belted kingfisher, 1; yellow shafted flicker, 31; red-bellied woodpecker, 1; red-headed woodpecker, 25; yellow-bellied sapsucker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 5; downy woodpecker, 25; eastern wood pewee, 4; rough-winged swallow, 3; purple martin, 7; blue jay, 84; crow, 15; black capped chickadee, 58; white-breasted nuthatch, 8; red-breasted nuthatch, 2; house wren, 47; eastern mockingbird, 1; catbird, 2; brown thrasher, 57; robin, 114; olive backed thrush, 3; gray-cheeked thrush, 3; willow thrush, 2; eastern bluebird, 11; eastern golden-crowned kinglet, 7; eastern ruby-crowned kinglet, 2; starling, 8; Philadelphia vireo, 5; black and white warbler, 4; Tennessee warbler, 3; orange-crowned warbler, 3; Nashville warbler, 3; eastern yellow warbler, 18; Magnolia warbler, 5; myrtle warbler, 80; English sparrow, 91; meadow lark, 17; yellow-headed blackbird, 1; red-wing blackbird, 21; bronzed grackles, 41; cowbirds, 67; cardinal, 36; red-breasted grosbeak, 10; pine siskin, 20; eastern goldfinch, 15; towhee, 16; eastern chipping sparrow, 15; clay-colored sparrow, 3; field sparrow, 10; Harris' sparrow, 2; white-crowned sparrow, 4; white-throated sparrow, 16; Lincoln's sparrow, 12; song sparrow, 1.

Total species, 73; 1356 individuals.

Report compiled by Zell C. Lee.

I am hoping to come to Des Moines for Saturday and Sunday for the 22nd Annual Meeting of the I.O.U.

The Sioux City Bird Club extends best good wishes to the officers and staff of the I.O.U.

Sincerely,

ZELL C. LEE, President,
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Sioux City, Iowa.

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The Club has received a goodly number of the June issue of IOWA BIRD LIFE from Mr. Fred J. Pierce, the Editor, commemorating our 30th Anniversary.

These copies are for sale at fifty cents each to whomever may wish one for his or her files.

We feel sure that every Club member will wish to own a copy.

Kindly call or notify the President to reserve your copy.

ZELL C. LEE, Pres.
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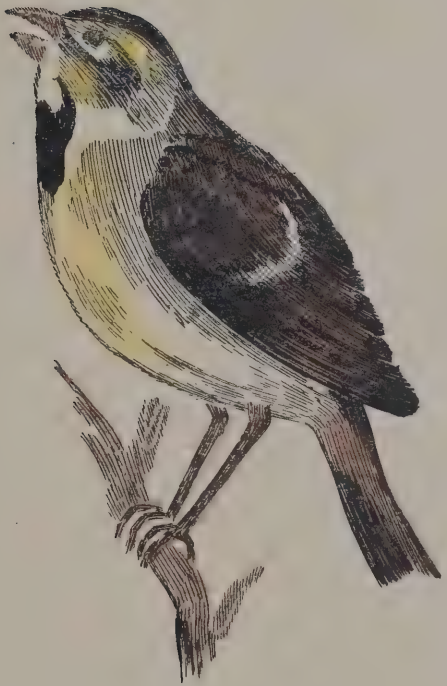
SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB

The DICKCISSEL



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"The Dickcissel"

Our new cover design, appearing for the first time on this issue, pictures the emblem of our club. The Dickcissel singing from a high wire or post on the hottest of summer days truly is typical of the territory in which this club functions. So we are glad that we are able to present to the members such a happy pose ofthe Dickcissel. The club thanks Miss Grace Smith for the skillful work she has so graciously done for us. We feel it will add not only to this edition but to papers, programs and club stationery. We wish we could present each member with the beautiful color sketch Miss Smith made for the original of our cover.

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Some Observations By Our President

An expression of thanks is due to all members of our Sioux City Bird Club who have cooperated so splendidly in contributing hard work and by purchase of season tickets to make our first presentation of the Audubon Wildlife Screen Tours a success. The chairmen of the various committees have given most freely of their time in these days crowded by so many outside activities. An especial acknowledgment is made to them.

Mr. Wayne Short, the Midwestern Representative of the National Audubon Society has been fine to work with and the thanks of the Club go out to him and to the National Audubon Society for the splendid co-operation given.

Our first Screen Tour "Wildlife in Action" presented by Dr. O. Sewall Pettingill, Jr. of Carleton College and the University of Michigan, was an outstanding depiction of wildlife. Dr. Pettingill possesses a fine personality and a rare sense of humor. His deep understanding of nature was evident in the kodachrome motion pictures and in the accompanying narration.

There are four more Screen Tour lectures and we are asking you for continued support in making each lecture the success it deserves.

We are grateful to the many citizens and to the members of the various service groups, as the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Business and Professional Women's Club, Professional Men's Club, Woman's Club, Soroptimist Club, the three chapters of the Izaak Walton League, the Public Libraries, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Morningside College, Briar Cliff College, Trinity College, The Board of Education and the Public School system for their fine cooperation in distribution of our Tour Programs, announcements made and moral support.

We are also grateful to the many citizens for their kind expressions indicating that our Sioux City Bird Club is giving Sioux City something new in lectures from the educational standpoint and service to the community.

We shall have a full program for the balance of 1944-45 in our club season. Our program committee is at work and we shall hear further from them.

Your Nature enthusiast,

Zell Lee

THE SAW-WHET OWL IN WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA

By T. C. Stephens
Morningside College
Sioux City, Iowa

Before reporting our recent (1943) observation of a Saw-whet Owl I will review our existing knowledge of this species in the northwestern Iowa region. The writer has possession of a "data tag" used by D. H. Talbot for his specimens; this tag reports the collection of a Saw-whet Owl by J. L. Lynn for Mr. Talbot on January 1, 1885, "up Perry Creek, 5 miles from Sioux City. Found in hole in bank along creek."

While in Iowa City some years ago the writer saw in the cases of the University museum a mounted specimen of the Saw-whet Owl marked, "Sioux City, Iowa, D. H. Talbot, Oct. 23, 1885."

For some years a mounted specimen of the Saw-whet Owl reposed in the museum of the Sioux City Academy of Science. It was a male and was shot for Dr. G. C. Rich by N. W. White on Prospect Hill (on the Iowa side near the Combination Bridge crossing the Missouri River), on March 24, 1898. In 1920 this specimen was returned to Dr. Rich in California.

The Brown brothers' collection of bird skins included a Saw-whet Owl taken in the Sioux City environs on October 14, but the year was not recorded. However, their collection was made between the years of 1899 and 1903.

Mr. A. J. Anderson, taxidermist, had a field record of a Saw-whet Owl near the old starch works of Sioux City (in the Floyd River Valley) on January 9, 1904. He also mounted another specimen taken out on Court Street in Sioux City on November 17, 1904.

Dr. Guy C. Rich reported to the U. S. Biological Survey in his migration reports for the respective years Saw-whet Owls in the Sioux City area on March 26, 1906, and February 26, 1910.

On January 21, 1907, A. J. Anderson collected a Saw-whet Owl in a hollow near St. Joseph's Hospital. And on November 23, 1907, he collected another one in Bacon's Hollow in Greenville, Sioux City. I also saw in Mr. Anderson's collection a pair (male and female) of Saw-whets, both collected near Leeds, Sioux City, on January 21, 1907.

Mr. Anderson mounted for Dr. Rich a Saw-whet Owl on December 22, 1909, presumably taken near that date in the Sioux City area.

A. W. Lindsey told me of a field record of a Saw-whet Owl flushed from a hollow stump in Bacon's Hollow, Sioux City, sometime in 1910 by Walter W. Bennett, Rev. M. B. Townsend, and himself.

On January 22, 1911, A. J. Anderson mounted a Saw-whet Owl collected near Cole's Addition in Sioux City. He also mounted one collected in the ravines near Leeds, Sioux City, on October 29, 1914.

On March 13, 14, and 18, 1919, Weir R. Mills, of Pierson, Woodbury County, Iowa, observed a Saw-whet Owl in one of the pine trees in his yard. He wrote that he was "positively sure of my identification in this instance. And Johns saw the bird and declared there was no question about it." This record was reported by the writer in the Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science, XXVII, 1920, page 401.

William Youngworth (Proc. Ia. Acad. Sci., XXXVIII, 1931, page 281) reported a Saw-whet Owl taken in Woodbury County, Iowa, on November 19, 1927, and mounted by H. S. Linn.

On November 21, 1943, the writer, with a party of bird students, was exploring the woods at the "Sioux Point" near the mouth of the Big Sioux River. As we were about to leave the woods, Miss Zell C. Lee descried a small, brownish ball of fathers at the side of our path.

Closer observation immediately revealed it to be a Saw-whet Owl. We were within about 10 feet of the bird when it was first seen. It was perched near the axis of a small box-elder tree, about 7 feet from the ground. The bird was fairly well protected with tangled vines and branches, at least from above and fromthe north. A few dead leaves helped in the partial concealment. The bird was a little drowsy at first, even when the party gathered within 6 or 7 feet.

The bird appeared to have a length of 6 or 7 inches as it was bunched up in a sitting posture. Of course, there were no ear tufts. The broad rufous streaks on the under surface were very distinct in the bright light. The bill was black; the crown of the head was clearly marked with delicate white streaks -- not spots -- in the dark background. The black border of the facial disk, characteristic of Richardson's Owl, was lacking. These observations are given in order to convince a skeptical reader of the correctness of our field identification.

We watched the bird for a full 30 minutes, during which time we made 7 film exposures, beginning with the lens about 5 feet distant, and finally moving up to 3 feet. For the latter exposures several twigs and segments of vine within a few inches of the bird were cut away in order to get a clear camera shot. During these clearance operations the bird perked up a little, opening its eyes and following the movements of the hands.

The writer has often admired the beautiful picture of the Saw-whet Owl taken in Polk County, Iowa, by Dr. H. R. Peasley, and published in the 'Wilson Bulletin' for December, 1938. Now we can understand that even with so docile a subject as the Saw-whet Owl there is plenty of opportunity for the exercise of skill in manipulating the camera to get a good close-up picture with ordinary equipment. For the exposures on this occasion the writer used a Voigtlander Rangefinder Bessa with Skopar lens. The rangefinder on this camera is marked down to 3.5 feet. The writer must have been a little closer than this for the resulting pictures were slightly out of focus. The pictures taken at 5 feet, though smaller, were sharper.

Before leaving, the writer touched the bird's tail just to see if it could be done. One member of the party thought the bird might be captured by hand. But for being so fearless and accommodating we allowed him to remain on his perch without further disturbance, even in spite of a desire to see him take off in flight. Mr. Peterson calls this bird a "ridiculously tame little Owl." And how true we found this to be!

Birds Seen From Our Windows

The war restrictions on our gas and tires has interfered very much with our study of birds about the countryside but has given us more time to notice birds about our lawns, gardens, neighborhoods and to observe their habits.

The only wild geese I was fortunate enough to see were three large flocks of Snow Geese and Blue Geese. Through my north window I saw them flying high and purposely as though they had been delayed and were now hurrying north. Several flocks of wild ducks were seen but too high to identify. For several days flocks of Franklin Gulls were seen and they were a beautiful sight. On a rainy morning last spring I was happy to see ten Cedar Waxwings in our tree when I arose. They were feeding on the red berries in my neighbor's hedgerow.

During the hot spell I let our sprinkler run for hours at a time because the birds enjoyed the spray so much. I not only attracted Robins, but a whole family of Catbirds, Bronze Grackles, Chickadees, Baltimore Orioles, and Blue Jay parents with four fledglings. Mourning Doves were rather timid about bathing like the other birds but sat at the edge of the spray, lifting first one wing and then the other to the cooling dampness.

How the birds did enjoy the real mud puddles in the flower beds! Even the Yellow Warblers splashed around in it for a while.

Did you ever see a bird bathe in the rain drops left on the leaves after a shower? I was delighted to see a Philadelphia Vireo fly into the Mulberry tree not more than four feet from my window and do just that.

Several Brown Thrashers came in their new brown traveling suits with striped vests. Suddenly a tiny Humming Bird poised in the misty spray for a minute or so and then settled on the clothesline to preen her damp feathers. A Rose Breasted Grosbeak came several times for a drink but seemed afraid the water was too deep to venture.

Early risers on the north side of the city on the morning of August twenty-fourth were thrilled by a Night Hawk flight. As early as four-thirty, anywhere from two dozen to more than fifty Night Hawks were gliding smoothly, darting about the housetops and even as low as the garage roofs. Evidently they were feeding on some low flying insect. After about a half hour they disappeared in a southeasterly direction.

Other birds seen from our window were Goldfinches, Kinglets, Brown Creepers, White Breasted and Rose Breasted Nuthatches, Downy, Hairy and Redheaded Woodpeckers. We saw Flickers eating ants on the lawn. Other visitors were Wrens, Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, Blue Jays and Grackles. Yellow Billed Cuckoos called for rain from the treetops all summer and not in vain. The Olive Backed, Grey Checked and even the Wood Thrush came during migration. The Oven Bird and Maryland Yellowthroat have been seen by careful observers in the neighborhood. We have been lucky enough to see the Lincoln and Harris Sparrows and among the migrating warblers have seen the Myrtle, Black Polled, Black and White, Magnolia, and Red Start.

Starlings took over a cottonwood with a rotten top near the alley. Screech owls found a hollow spot nearby for we heard them frequently.

Through early October the Robins have seemed very thirsty and have flocked in large numbers where bird baths were provided, or where they could find a leaky hose or faucet. The Robins are everyone's bird and are found in all parts of the city. I do wish the Cardinal could be spoken of in the same way for the beautiful song and color charm every one in the neighborhood that is fortunate to have a pair nesting.

All the birds are our friends just waiting to be discovered even in a city yard. They deserve the protection we can give them and repay us many times in pleasure and real value to our gardens and trees.

Mrs. Armour.

Second Wildlife Screen Tour

A very appreciative audience listened to John H. Storer of the Audubon Society lecture on "Wings West From Florida." The pictures he showed proved his outstanding skill as a photographer. The slow-motion pictures of wing action were mentioned by several afterwards. Mr. E. E. Briggs introduced the speaker.

PERSONALS

Sgt. Herrold A. C. Asmussen, has been on furlough here for about a month to be with his wife who arrived in our city ahead of her husband for a major operation. Last word received of Mrs. Asmussen indicates that she is getting alongnicely. It was good to count Sgt. Asmussen as one of the thirteen members and guests who enjoyed one of our rare field trips this season to the McCook and Mud Lake areas on October 29. We remember Sgt. Asmussen as a past-president who always hadthe good of our club at heart and one who enjoyed the friendly fellowship of our meetings. We are looking forward to the time when all our members in the Armed Forces will be back home.

Mr. B. O. C. Nelson, our Vice-president, is enjoying a "sunbathing" vacation at LasVegas, Nevada, according to word received from him October 24. We are indebted to Mr. Nelson for the clipping on the swallows of San Juan Capistrano Mission which appears elsewhere in this issue. We also find it fitting and proper to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Nelson for the mimeographing and mailing of our "Dickcissel" for several years past. We are missing his presence to do this for us this issue. Mr. Nelson's address is 220 So. 6th St., Las Vegas, Nevada. He will appreciate hearing from his friends.

Jean L. Laffoon, Pharmacist's Mate 1st Class, Address - Base Hospital 6, N.A.B. 140, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. In his spare time, Jean collects weevils for the Smithsonian Institute and for the University of Hawaii. We remember Jean as one of our very efficient secretaries and as such an ardent birder that the elements never interfered with his observations.

Mrs. H. M. Bailey has been seriously ill for the larger part of the summer. We are glad to note that she is recovering and that she is again attending our meetings.

Mr. J. L. Laffoon, another of our ardent birders, is recovering rapidly from a major operation. We note that he is again able to attend our meetings. Our best wishes to him.

Monte B. Lloyd is rapidly gaining in strength and health at Oakdale, Iowa. He is carrying a full course of study there. Keep it up Monte, we are all for you.

Our hearts were saddened at the passing on October 22 of our old friend and ardent birder and first honorary member, Dr. Guy C. Rich of Hollywood, California. He had lived a full, rich life and all those who knew him as well as those who did not know him personally, feel that their lives have been made richer for his having been here. He gave back to the world his own knowledge enriched tenfold. Our deep sympathies go to Mrs. Rich, his constant, understanding companion and helpmate.

Merlin Davies tells us, "This spring, I saw a female Baltimore Oriole gathering string for her nest, so thinking I would be of help to her, I put out string of several colors. Much to my satisfaction, she took it, but seemed to prefer blue, green and white to red and yellow, proving that she did not want the nest too conspicuous."

October 29, 1944

The Sioux City Bird Club met at the foot of Pierce Street and River Road at 9 o'clock a. m. on Sunday for a field trip to the McCook and Mud Lake areas. The group stopped at Riverside, always a favorite spot, enroute.

Members attending - Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Armour, Sgt. Herrold A. C. Asmussen, Merlin Davies, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hissong, Zell C. Lee, Gertrude Weaver, Bertha Wellhausen, Carl Wellhausen, Mayme Yahr. Guests - Myrtle Cooley, Mona Redmond.

Temperature at start, 9 o'clock a. m., 52, at return, 3 o'clock, 82 - clear, slight breeze.

Birds observed - English sparrow, chickadee, cowbird, blue jay, red-winged blackbird, yellow-headed blackbird, goldfinch, robin, downy woodpecker, flicker, golden-crowned kinglet, red-bellied woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch, crow, widgeon, grebe (no one in the group could definitely identify the particular specie of grebe because no one possessed a pair of binnoculars strong enough to pick up field marks at the distance these birds were on Mud Lake), coot, red-headed duck, canvas-back duck, Canadian geese, bluebird, white-throated sparrow, marsh hawk, tree sparrow, grackle.

Members and guests brought their lunches and did enjoy the fellowship together around the camp fire.

Zell Lee

AS YOU MIGHT SAY ---

By Ed Ainsworth

If the war were not going on, and if California were enjoying its old happy days of fiestas and celebrations, and if there were room in the paper for human-interest stories as well as the vital war news, yesterday might have been a noteworthy day. ... It was October 23rd, the traditional date for the departure of the famous swallows from old San Juan Capistrano Mission. But this year the swallows had left early. They had done so all during the war. ... In fact, even their punctual arrival date of March 19 has no t been adhered to regularly, either. ... Can it be that the disturbed world has communicated itself to birds and animals too? ... Is there a nervousness in nature, an upset in the subconscious of all the things that fly, a telltale cloud of cannon smoke too high for us to see and a booming of guns too far away for human ears to hear? ... Father Arthur J. Hutchinson of the old mission wonders what has happened to the ordinarily faithful birds. But meanwhile he goes on beautifying and restoring the mission for the thousands who will revel in its quiet charm and restfulness after the war. Who knows? Perhaps the world and the swallows both will settle down to a normal life again sometime.

From the editorial page of the "Los Angeles Times" - issue Oct. 24, 1944

Membership List, 1944-45

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James, Ellene	317 Warrior Hotel, 5	86581
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Kreber, Joseph	2717 Court Street	88081
Kuhlmann, Karl	1907 Allen Street	86038
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Welsh, Margaret	1423 Douglas, Zone 18	86086
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Yahr, Mayme	300 Ida Apts., Zone 18	86739
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It Would Be Of Worth

We are well aware of the splendid work that has been done in the last few years toward restoring of game birds along the waterways of the United States and Canada. Credit is due Ding Darling for the fine publicity that called sportsmen and conservation experts to attack a problem that could have developed into a tragic situation.

As a city grows more congested less and less natural habitat for the birds that will live among people is available. If the number of birds to be found around our homes is to be increased special study of the attractions for different varieties must be studied and the results given not only to the bird club member but to the general public. Most of this study must be done by the individual with the interest, the patience and the opportunity to spend the hours for observation and notetaking necessary for results.

We do have studies that will lead the way. We need to know the facts peculiar to our locality. We need to know the nesting habits and the numbers of birds nesting here. Food problems for both summer and winter need local diagnosis and solving. The many aspects of the problem would appear to those engaged in it.

When the remarkable gardens of Vancouver were being exclaimed over by a group of tourists, one of the local people explained that when the headlines, or business, or even his wife ruffled the composure of an Englishman he went out to work in his garden. There are many things today that may do more than ruffle our composure but a line of bird study, whether the one suggested or some other phases will in a measure restore serenity.

Ruth Sampson, Editor.

TABLE TALK

These notes were taken during conversation at the dinner for Cleveland Grant. Disconnected as they are, we pass them on for the interest they may have.

Walt Disney uses many Cleveland Grant moving pictures to space the action on films such as Bambi.

A hobby that could grow into a business was suggested when Mr. Grant wondered why some one didn't start a bird feed store. Mrs. Schott and Mrs. Stephens had started the conversation in that direction by telling of the bird feed they had canned or stored.

Rose hips are the bread and butter of the sharp tailed grouse and pheasant during the winter.

One method of poisoning mammals without killing birds is suggested thru studies on differential coloring. It is a question whether the birds may be controlled by the use of special foods and poisons.

A History of "The Dickcissel"
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from September 1934 to December 1944 Inclusive

by Zell C. Lee

Since group formation is one of the evidences of our many forms of the social processes and since mankind has always exhibited tendencies to record in some form activities of such group formations, the examination and study of such records prove most fascinating.

In particular, the records of our Sioux City Bird Club present some information which should prove most interesting to all club members and to friends of our bird study club.

The writer has become interested in searching out and obtaining facts related to the inception of our publication and shall herein attempt to set forth such facts related to and concerned with "The Dickcissel".

The September 9, 1934 minutes contain these lines -- " A motion by Dr. T. C. Stephensand seconded by Prof. Hissong that the work for the club for the year 1934-1935 by along these lines, viz: 1- Three dinner meetings with appropriate programs be given. 2- Occasional meetings of the council for the purpose of planning other activities. 3- Publication and distribution of a mimeographed news letter. Motion carried."

Accordingly after this action by the club, Mr. R. D. Hissong, drawing upon his deep well of invaluable information on nature edited Volume 1 Number 1 September issue 1934 of a news letter that he titled "Sioux City Study Club Review".

This news letter was one of five pages and carried this heading paragraph - "Published by the Sioux City Bird Study Club, Sioux City, Iowa. This issue is edited by R. D. Hissong, Central High School Department of Biology, Sioux City, Iowa. Contributions for a future issue are requested."

Several paragraphs on September and October Nature activities followed. A section followed called "Among Ourselves". Two sentences bore timely information to quote "This issue is presented in the hopes that it may bring items of importance to your notice, which otherwise might be missed. It is planned to give brief extracts from a number of magazines to promote the interests of our disappearing wild life." Another section was titled "Field Trips " which gave results of such trips. The section "Bird Banding Notes" indicated that Mrs. J. A. Dales was to have charge of that particular part. The entire section was full of information that arrested the attention and stressed the new knowledge that bird banding has given on migration habits. One and one-half pages were given over to extracts from magazines and to statements made by Jay N. Darling, Chief of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey. All the information was timely as indicated by the title of this section "Observations By Others".

An article "Waterfowl Migration, Spring of Nineteen-thirty-four" by Mr. W. R. Felton, President of the club at that time, was a feature of the September 1934 news letter. It gave information on the wild geese flight in this region. Quoting from one paragraph "Mr. Elmer Ebel who lives on the shore of Crystal Lake, is a close observer and, his home being in a direct line with the mouth of the Big Sioux River and the Missouri River to the south of Dakota City, called my attention to the great numbers (of wild geese) he would see each morning flying north and in the evening straggling back over this natural flyway to the wide bars of the Missouri River south of Dakota City. One morning he, with some of his neighbors, made an estimate and this is how it happened: the boys who were to help out seed potatoes arrived in the farm yard at the same time as the flight started, the numerous "V's" at different elevations occupied a space from a quarter to three-quarters of a mile in width, the several varieties of geese were more or less mixed, the flight was twenty-two minutes in passing, and the estimated number of birds, 500,000."

Thus was entered on the records the first news letter of the Sioux City Bird Study Club.

The October 9, 1934 minutes states that a "dinner meeting of the Sioux City Bird Club was held at the Y.W.C.A. October 9, 1934 was attended by thirty persons. The table was decorated by bouquets of autumn flowers and bird pictures decorated by Mrs. Dales and a copy of the first news letter, the work or Mr. Hissong, was found at each plate."

At this October 9, 1934 dinner meeting the name "The Dickcissel" was voted by the club for the news letter to be published four times a year.

The second issue of the club's news letter under the title of "The Dickcissel" appeared in the April 1935 Vol. 1 Number 2, eight page issue. Very appropriately, Mrs. C. D. Armour contributed an article titled "The Dickcissel" which appeared on the front page under the editorial line - "Published by the Sioux City Bird Club, Sioux City, Iowa. This issued is edited by R. D. Hissong, Central High School Department of Biology, Sioux City, Iowa. Contributions for a future issue are requested." The article acquainted us with the origin of the name of the little bird of the Mississippi valley, its habits, abundance in the Sioux City area in the spring and summer months, nesting habits, egg description, incubation period, number of broods reared, economic status, feed, migration habits, and wintering home. The last line was significant "It is estimated that probably not one person in fifty knows the Dickcissel or that there is such a bird, so it is hoped the above description will help many to become acquainted with this useful little bird." This was written in 1935 and now by 1945, ten years, it is hoped that a larger number does know the little bird that is the emblem of our club. Mrs. R. F. Remer's article on the mocking bird was interesting. Several "gleanings" from the report of the secretary appeared. It is significant to here comment that much important action of the club was taken during the year of 1935 and the news letter acquainted its readers with those facts. On pages 5, 6 and 7 appeared an article "Bird Identification Possibilities" by Mr. R. D. Hissong. The facts presented on birds heard and seen on the trips taken to the Missouri River Bluffs and adjacent woods are most enlightening and we realize again that our Sioux City area presents a limitless field of nature study for those who would "go to Nature and list' to her teaching". Reports of four trips were given in this article and indicated 76 species recorded on May 25, 1931 by Mr. Hissong, and Mr. W. W. Bennett had a larger list. 73 species were recorded on one of the trips made to the Izaak Walton League Club grounds at Crystal Lake, Nebraska in May 1935 by members of the club, records being made on the grounds only at the request of Mr. Felton, President. At the last meeting of the I.O.U. and N.O.U. at Sioux City, Iowa, May 12, 1935, 112 species were recorded. A significant statement on this meeting occurs "one specie, 3 Prothonotary warblers, were seen for the first time here." The fourth and last trip indicates a list of 29 species and 373 individuals recorded from observations made from car seats by Mr. Hissong and three other car occupants while enroute north from the west side of Lake Okoboji to the east side of Heron Lake in Minnesota in July. Distance covered 29 miles, time, two and one-quarter hours of pleasure, beginning at 8:15 A.M. 8x binoculars were used to count and examine birds. English sparrows not counted.

The last part of page 7 and all of 8 were given over to plans and notes on the 2nd convention of the I.O.U. and the N.O.U. The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Conservation Conference was to be combined with the convention. Also important to note is the first appearance of the Christmas Bird Census in this issue. This printing of the Christmas Bird Count has been consistently done since as well as the recording of observations of field trips. Of later and more recent innovation is the printing of the Annual Iowa May Bird Census, sponsored by the Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

From these first two issues we may ascertain just what policies were stressed and what precedents were established in this new venture for the club.

No further issues of "The Dickcissel" appeared in the year of 1935 and no issues appeared in 1936. Not until October 6, 1937 did Volume 11, No. 1 appear. The intervening time was a difficult period in the history of our country as we may all easily recall.

The minutes record a special meeting of the club was called at the Martin Hotel on October 4, 1937 by Dr. T. C. Stephens and Mr. Bruce F. Stiles of all ex-officers of the club. A new program of activities was entered upon as indicated in the 9 successive issues of 1937. The publication committee were Mr. Wilfred Crabb, Miss Charlotte Osborn, Mr. Bruce F. Stiles and Mr. T. C. Stephens.

It is interesting to note that in this year occurred several events important to the club. Mr. Bruce Stiles gave a review of field work in the past year. Mr. W. W. Trusell reported on the pheasant survey in Woodbury and Plymouth Counties indicating the scarcity of the birds. Dr. Stephens presented a paper on "The Ornithological History of Sioux City". Dr. Stephens paper began with an account of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the shore of Woodbury County in 1804" to quote from the December 15, 1937 "Dickcissel". John James Audubon, D. H. Talbot and Dr. Guy C. Rich are some of the persons mentioned in this paper. Many others were mentioned in this historical account.

In this same issue appeared the "History of the Sioux City Bird Club" by Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, from 1913-1936.

"The Lapland Longspur Tragedy" article by Bruce F. Stiles and Wilfred D. Crabb appeared in the January 22, 1938 issue. The work of the Department of Biology at Morningside College is indicated. The work of Dr. Stephens was foremost in this. To quote from the Dickcissel "With the help of State Conservation Officer, W. W. Trusell, Bruce F. Stiles, one of the directors of the Iowa Wildlife Federation, and local townspeople, Dr. T. C. Stephens and several students collected over 800 birds and brought them back to the laboratory. Dr. Stephens sent out a questionnaire to postmasters and other responsible people in all surrounding towns from which he hopes to set up a map showing the extent of the tragedy. Credit for sending in the first information about the Lapland Longspur tragedy on the night of January 5 and 6, 1938 must be divided between Weir Mills of Pierson, Iowa and State Conservation officer, W. W. Trusell. Mr. Felton tells of a similar occurrence in Judith Basin County, Montana, during January 1914. Dr. Thomas S. Roberts of the University of Minnesota says that in March 1904, during a night on which wet snow fell throughout most of southern Minnesota, one of these longspur tragedies occurred. The next morning on the surface of two small lakes which covered an area of about two miles, there were no less than 750,000 dead Lapland longspurs. Literally millions of longspurs were killed that night over an area of many thousands of square miles." In this same issue Brice F. Stiles has written some lines that might be well to quote to readers of this article--"During a depression there is a tendency to 'tighten up the lines', to give less attention to drawing, painting, music and nature study. Considering the small cost of these pleasures, it is doubtful if it is economically sound to give them up. I believe that if a method was found to measure the effect of happiness on efficiency it would show that many things we do for enjoyment, are also sound investments of time and money. I have before me a letter from a business man whom you all know. He says-- speaking of his early connection with the Bird Club-- "The past few years I number among the most enjoyable and fruitful of my lifetime. I am unable to recall the experiences of those years without feeling a thrill of satisfaction. They were particularly noteworthy in the richness of the friendships they brought to me. I am heavily obligated to all those with whom I was associated during that time."

It is to be noted that in this issue also appeared the first blank application form for membership in the club.

The records indicate here that Wilfred D. Crabb received a research fellowship in Zoology at Iowa State College. He left the city about September 15, 1938 and Borden C. Buchanan was appointed to fill the vacancy

in the publication committee which edits and publishes "The Dickcissel". The committee to do this work as of October 21, 1938- Borden C. Buchanan, Chairman, T. C. Stephens, Charlotte Osborn and Bruce. F. Stiles.

Notable recording in "The Dickcissel" December 8, 1938 was a membership contest between the Red Birds and the Blue Birds.

E. T. Munroe caused to have published in the February 25, 1939 issue a "Table of Organization" setting forth clearly and concisely duties of all officers and committees.

It is noted that the publication committee in later months of 1939 was comprised of Darlene Cooper, Editor, Borden C. Buchanan, Charlotte Osborn and T. C. Stephens. Charlotte Osborn mimeographed and got all issues from 1937 thru 1939 into the hands of the members.

For the issues which appeared in 1940, Herrold Asmussen was editor assisted by Mrs. Herrold Asmussen. Mr. B. O. C. Nelson mimeographed these and sent them out.

1941, 1942 and 1943, January 1944 which was our November 29, 1943, 30th Anniversary issue, May 15, 1944, our spring issue, all edited by Zell C. Lee. Mr. B. O. C. Nelson, Vice-President mimeographed and sent these out.

December 1944 issue was edited by Ruth Sampson, assisted by Alice Erskine. The mimeographing was done by a non-member. Mr. B. O. C. Nelson was out of the city and we had to resort to outside assistance for cutting of stencils, etc.

Consistent with precedents established, the issues of 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944 continued to give reports of the field trips made. The geese trip to the Missouri River bottoms in March has come to be an annual event of the club and this is noted in the late issues. It might be added here that the spring of 1944 failed to see this annual trip made due to ware time restrictions. The April 19, 1940 issue carried this announcement- "Field trips are taken every Saturday by H. Asmussen to Stone Park, McCook Lake, or Brown's Lake area on which high school Biology students are taken. If any Bird Club members wish to take any of these trips, call 6-7625." Membership Lists were consistently published throughout the issues and at intervals the treasurer's report appeared. Itineraries for each season were published and reports of these trips made. Some of the years were "lean" and others were "fat". The record indicated that in the winter of 1939-40 Mr. A.M. Bailey Director of the Colorado Museum of Natural History of Denver appeared in our city, sponsored by the Sioux City Bird Club, and presented some superb colored motion pictures. The event was a success.

Bruce F. Stiles, Chief of Fish and Game Division of the Iowa State Conservation Commission has continued to be a contributor whenever contacted for an article.

The April 28, 1943 issue indicated that the club's 29th Annual Dinner was held March 22, 1943 at the Jackson Hotel. 77 members and friends attended.

This issue also indicated that on November 2, 1942, the club again had an important national figure in the ornithological field, Mr. Charles Albert (Bert) Harwell, California Representative of the National Audubon Society, as its quest speaker. He lectured before an audience of 200 persons in the Martin Hotel. His lecture combined colorful motion pictures with scientific knowledge. He animated the pictures with delighful narration and incomparable imitations of bird calls and songs. The Club again sponsored Mr. Harwell's appearance at the 30th Anniversary Observation, November 29, 1943. He also appeared under the Club's sponsorship before the 1800 students of Central High School, The Rotary Club, Morningside College, The Sioux City Air Base, and The First Methodist Church. This was part of a program stressing the wildlife program. These lectures were very successful.

In the April 28, 1943 issue appeared a list of Books on Birds. This list was submitted by the Sioux City Public library, for an exhibit which the

club sponsored at the Garden Club of Sioux City Short Course in March of 1943.

Our Column "Personals" have kept members informed of members at distant points.

The column "In the Service of our Country" has given us information as we get it of those away from us at present, and on far distant fields.

The publishing of all censuses and Bird Counts has been consistently followed.

On March 27, 1944, the record showed that the Club sponsored one of the most successful lectures (free to the public) by Alexander Sprunt, Jr. of the National Aud. Soc. Below appears the list of "Dickcissels" published - September 1934 - December 1944 incl.

Vol.	Number	Date	Editor	No. pages
Vol. 1	No. 1	September 1934	R. D. Hissong	5
	No. 2	April 1935	" " "	8
Vol. 11	No. 1	October 6, 1937	Wilfred C. Crabb	1
	No. 2	October 13, 1937	" "	2
	No. 3	November 24, 1937	" "	3
	No. 4	December 15, 1937	" "	5
	No. 5	January 22, 1938	" "	2
	No. 6	February 25, 1938	" "	1
	No. 7	March 25, 1938	" "	1
	No. 8	April 20, 1938	" "	2
	No. 9	July 15, 1938	" "	2
Vol. 111	No. 1	September 21, 1938	Borden C. Buchanan	2
	No. 2	October 21, 1938	" "	2
	No. 3	November 18, 1938	" "	2
	No. 4	December 8, 1938	" "	4
	No. 5	December 18, 1938	" "	3
Vol. 1V	No. 1	February 25, 1939	" "	9
	No. 2	A Post Card sent out with observations of field trip thereon		
	No. 3	May 6, 1939	Borden C. Buchanan	2
Vol. V	No. 1	February 9, 1940	Herrold A. C. Asmussen	4
	No. 2	April 19, 1940	" "	7
	No. 3	October 1, 1941	Zell C. Lee	8
	No. 4	February 9, 1942	" "	11
	No. 5	April 28, 1943 (This issue misprinted 1942)	" "	16
Vol. Vl	No. 1	January 1944	Zell C. Lee	15
	No. 2	May 1944	" "	12
	No. 3	December 1944	Ruth Sampson	10

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Below is list of Officers of the Sioux City Bird Club 1913-1945 to show continuity with the above list of publications.

Year	President	Secretary
1913 - 14	E. A. Fields	Adah Hood
1914 - 15	W. J. Hayward	Adah Hood
1915 - 16	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	G. O. Ludcke
1916 - 17	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	Adah Hood
1917 - 18	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	Adah Hood
1918 - 19	None	Adah Hood
1919 - 20	Mrs. H. M. Bailey	Adah Hood
1920 - 21	V. C. Bonesteel	Adah Hood
1921 - 22	V. C. Bonesteel	Adah Hood
1922 - 23	V. C. Bonesteel	Adah Hood
1923 - 24	W. W. Bennett	Adah Hood
1924 - 25	W. W. Bennett	Adah Hood
1925 - 26	T. M. Murdoch	Adah Hood
1926 - 27	T. M. Murdoch	Adah Hood

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Year	President	Secretary
1927 - 28	E. A. Fields Dr. A. N. Sloan	Mrs. J. A. Dales
1928 - 29	Dr. A. N. Sloan	Mrs. J. A. Dales
1929 - 30	E. A. Fields	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1930 - 31	E. A. Fields	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1931 - 32	R. D. Hissong	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1932 - 33	R. D. Hissong	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1933 - 34	W. R. Felton	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1934 - 35	W. R. Felton	Mrs. W. J. Armeur
1935 - 36	W. R. Felton	Mrs. W. J. Armour
1936 - 37	No Meetings	
1937 - 38	Wilfred C. Grabb	Gladys Palmer
1938 - 39	Bruce F. Stiles E. T. Munroe	Gladys Palmer
1939 - 40	Herrold Asmussen	Jean Laffoon
1940 - 41	Herrold Asmussen	Jean Laffeon
1941 - 42	Zell C. Lee	Jean Laffoon Monte Lloyd
1942 - 43	Zell C. Lee	Carl Wellhausen
1943 - 44	Zell C. Lee	Carl Wellhausen
1944 - 45	Zell C. Lee	Carl Wellhausen

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The writer has endeavored to ascertain how many club members possess a full and complete file of "The Dickcissel" from 1934 to December 1944 inclusive.

So far, the names of those who have this set are Dr. T. C. Stephens, Mr. R. D. Hissong, Mrs. Currence Dutton (W.J.) Armour, Mrs. H. M. (Mary L.) Bailey and Jean Laffoon. If there are others who own this set, please call 88137.

The writer would like to add that the Sioux City Bird Club should have in its possession a full and complete set of "The Dickcissel". If there are any members who may have extra copies, would they please send such copies to Zell C. Lee, 1423 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa - Zone 18 or call 88137 of 57926 and such copies will be taken up.

It is to be noted that many members have given of their time and effort to make our club what it is today and that they have contributed in large measure to our publication. All have been generous in contributing to our news letter and it is to be hoped that all members will continue to contribute and do their share in this work.

Miss Grace Smith, one of our ardent workers for a long time is to be highly commended for the skillful work that she so kindly and graciously did for the club for the new cover design in the drawing of the little bird that has become the emblem of our club.

We are reminded again that all men and women are merely players and that the world's a stage" where each one has a part to perform.

In the words of Ben Johnson -

"How near to good is what is fair,
  Which we no sooner see,
But with the lines and outward air
  Our senses taken be.
We wish to see it still, and prove
  What ways we may deserve."

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BIRD BANDING REVEALS UNUSUAL FLIGHTS

Some most unusual flights have been recorded through bird banding. For instance, the long-eared owl is not supposed to travel very far. Yet, a long-eared owl banded at Escondido, California, was shot at Corbell, Ontario--having traveled a distance of more than 3,000 miles across the country from south to north and almost across the country from west to east.

Perhaps without banding records, ornithologists would not know that the redhead duck migrates east and west, and vice versa, not north and south, as do most migrants.

- - From "The American Wildlife Institute."

BIRD CLUB SPEAKER RELATES RESULTS OF RESEARCH IN NORTHERN AMERICA

Cleveland Grant Also Shows Interesting Wildlife Films

Speaking before an estimated 500 persons Saturday night in the auditorium of Central high school, Cleveland P. Grant, noted authority on wild life, presented an entertaining and informative program of pictures and narration on birds and mammals as he has come to know them through many years of research.

The wildlife lecture was presented through the cooperation of the National Audubon society and the Sioux City Bird club. Mr. Grant has presented his lecture in only four midwestern cities, including Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City and Sioux City.

An appreciative audience viewed the sportsman's pictures which he filmed in the Sorris river valley in North Dakota, north Montana, Canada and the continental divide.

The bird films included closeup views of the white pelican, avocet, Holboell's greve and pied-billed greve. His narration was intermingled with sparkling bits of humor. He dwelt considerably on the nestings of Swainson's hawk, the kingbird, the Arkansas kingbird and the yellow warbler.

The pictures were taken with telephoto lenses. Mr. Grant's second film on mammals included views of the caribou, mule deer, antelope, bison and the rare albino bison. He conducted extensive research on the reasons for the disappearence of the caribou while on his trip to the barren lands they inhabit.

Mr. Grant was introduced to the audience by Dr. T. C. Stephens of Morningside college. Dr. Stephens was presented by Miss Zell C. Lee, president of the bird club. Officers of the club and members of the executive board entertained the guest speaker at a dinner party at the Mayfair hotel preceding the lecture.

Saturday afternoon, Mr. Grant was interviewed over KSCJ.

- - From "Sioux City Journal"
January 14, 1945.

Some "OBSERVATIONS"

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB;

Attention is called to payment of 1945-46 dues, due and payable now, by those who have not yet taken care of same. Adult dues $1.00 - Junior dues $ .50 (cents). Kindly mail all dues to Mr. Carl Wellhausen, Secretary, 1705 West 16th Street, Zone 17 so that a notice will not have to be sent to you. A receipt will be sent to you at once. Please give this matter your immediate thought. It is timely club business. Let us try to have all dues paid up before our next lecture date, March 9. Thank you.

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Please let us remember to mail our bird notes and other nature notes of interest to Editor, Miss Ruth Sampson, 207 Smith Apartments, Zone 18, Nebraska Street. Perhaps a friend has some notes of interst also. "The Dickcissel" should serve as a good CLEARING HOUSE so that all may benefit from exchange of such notes.

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Mr. Fred J. Pierce, editor of "Iowa Bird Life", in a note to the president upon receipt of the December issue of "The Dickcissel" says, "Thank you for the current issue of "The Dickcissel", which looks very attractive in its new dress. You have a good medium of keeping up the interest in the Sioux City Bird Club and I hope that you continue to issue the sheet." Thank you, Mr. Pierce, we are glad to have your comment.

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Notice: If any Sioux City Bird Club member should have a change of address, please notify our secretary, Mr. Carl Wellhausen, 1705 West 16th Street, Zone 17 or call 8-7408 at once so that our records may be kept up to date at all times. We want all members to get their cards and every issue of our publication, "The Dickcissel".

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Mrs. Amos Filer, 109 Kansas St., Sioux City, Iowa, Home phone 8-5978, Office phone 5-7415 is our new Sioux City Bird Club Member. Welcome, Mrs. Filer to our group.

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PARDON, PLEASE:

In our December issue of "The Dickcissel" the names of Dr. and Mrs. T.C. Stephens were inadvertently, in the process of mimeographing, omitted from our membership list. This is hereby corrected. We are sorry that this happened.

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Are we, during this winter, remembering to feed the birds in all cases where this is at all feasible. Let us stimulate interest among our friends to feed the birds. One of our members, Mrs. J. L. Schott, who is also a member of the Garden Club of Sioux City, and chairman of that Club's Bird Committee, has done much to stimulate and create interest in the feeding of our winter birds by her splendid talks in the schools and before various clubs. Our birds give us such large returns for a little effort on our part.

We hope that all our members have an opportunity to read the splendid article "WINTER BIRDS" which appeared in the January 15, 1945 issue of "LIFE" Magazine. The article with pictures painted in color by Roger Tory Petersen of the birds most often seen in the northern states in winter covers five full pages of this magazine. We are reminded that "the food supply, not the cold weather, is the main reason birds migrate to the south. As long as they find sufficient food to keep up body temperature, cold weather never bothers birds. Those who stay north are mainly the good foragers."

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On Monday morning, January 29, Mrs. W. J. Armour, one of our most ardent birders and one who has done so much to help us to get better acquainted with the birds and their habits, was taken seriously ill. Mrs. Armour is now in Methodist Hospital. Our thoughts are with you, Mrs. Armour. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery for you. Mr. Armour has informed us that his son and the son's wife have come to Sioux City to be with him in his home.

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On Sunday January 28, 1945 in the Sioux City Sunday Journal in the "TWENTY YEARS AGO" Column, January, Wednesday 28, 1925, appeared these lines ----- "The Sioux City Bird Club gave a farewell dinner in honor of Mrs. H. J. Taylor, who was leaving for California." Just a few short lines, but how many fond memories of pleasant times and scenes these lines recalled to many of our members!

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Since this copy has "Gone to press" so to speak, the Sioux City Journal Sunday issue, February 4, 1945 carried this notice:

> MRS. CURRENCE D. ARMOUR
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> Mrs. Currence Dutton Armour, 74, 515 29th Street, a Sioux Cityan for 29 years and an authority on birds, died Saturday evening at a hospital after a 10-day illness.
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> Born January 9, 1871, in Dakota County, Neb., she was married to W. J. Armour on March 10, 1897, in Dakota County. They lived at Allen, Neb., for 16 years and three years in California before coming to Sioux City about 29 years ago.
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> Mrs. Armour was a member of Trinity Lutheran church, Sioux City Woman's club and Sioux City Bird club. She was a government reporter on the migration of birds.
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> Survivors are the widower; a son, W. J. Armour, Jr., of Springfield, Ill., and a grandchild.
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> The body was taken to the Westcott-Doughty - Chadler funeral home.

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We were missing such staunch friends and members as Dr. Guy C. Rich, Mrs. Jas. A. Graham and now to this list must be added the name of Mrs. W. J. Armour. We shall long cherish memories of these members and warm friends.

February 19 is the date for our next monthly meeting. Place - the Art Center, in the Williges Bldg., 613½ Pierce Street. Time - 7:30P.M. Several matters of important business are up for discussion. Dr. T. D. Stephens will give a five-minute talk on the chimney swift. He will include recent findings on this specie heretofore unknown until rather recently. Mr. R. D. Hissong will show pictures. Let us have good attendance at this important meeting.

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December 24, 1944

FORTY-FIFTH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Sioux City (Woodbury Co.), Iowa (Brown's Lake area, War Eagle's Monument Park Woods; confluence area of Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers; Lower Riverside; Riverview Park; Riverside; Riverside Park; Graceland Park Cemetary; Grandview Park; North Side;, Westside; Stone Park; hilly woodland, mature deciduous virgin heavy timber 50%, lake and river country and lowland 25%, open hills, 10%; town 15%). -- December 24, 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. clear, temp. 6--20 degrees; wind 1-7 m.p.h. South until about 11:45 A.M. veering to SW, West and NW and due North at 2:30 P.M. 8-12 m.p.h.; ground covered with 3.2 inches soft snow; all lake water frozen over excepting two spots where mallards are keeping water open; Missouri River 50% frozen over; Big Sioux 80% frozen over. Eight observers in 7 parties. Total hours afield and point observation, 62. Total miles, 14 by foot. Mallard, 5000 (est.); pheasant, 7; screech owl, 3; great-horned owl, 3; barred owl, 1; flicker, 5; red-bellied woodpecker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 17; downy woodpecker, 47; blue-jay, 3; crow, 56; chickadee, 93; white-breasted nuthatch, 59; red-breasted nuthatch, 3; brown creeper, 40; robin, 2; golden-crowned kinglet, 4; starling, 1; English sparrow, 466; bronzed grackle, 7; cardinal, 8; pine siskin, 15; goldfinch, 14; junco, 113; tree sparrow, 78. Total 25 species, approximately 6047 individuals. (Dec. 31, marsh hawk, 1, Mrs. Mamie W. Brown) - E. R. Birdsall, Mrs. Mamie W. Brown, R. D. Hissong, Karl Kuhlmann, Zell C. Lee, Mrs. J. L. Schott, Bertha Wellhausen, Carl Wellhausen, (Members and guest Sioux City Bird Club).

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Annual Meeting - May 30, 1945

Forty-seven people attended the Annual Meeting of the Sioux City Bird Club at Riverside Park on May 30th. After a picnic dinner and bird observations by some of the members, the President, Zell Lee, presided at the business meeting. The following Officers were elected:

President.........Zell C. Lee
Vice President...Dr. J. L. Schott
Treasurer.........R. D. Hissong
Secretary.........Ruth Sampson

Mr. J. L. Laffoon was elected to serve with Dr. T. C. Stephens on the Board of Directors.

Mrs. A. H. Schatz was elected Editor of the "Dickcissel", Mrs. H. T. Lambert was elected Assistant Editor and Librarian, and Mr. B. O. C. Nelson was elected Publisher for the year 1945-46.

Appointments of special committees will follow. Be on the watch for listings.

Votes of thanks were given the officers, committee chairmen, Wildlife Screen Tour committees, Publicity and Radio chairmen and the Dickcissel Editor and Assistant for the present year, 1944-45.

Mrs. Mary L. Bailey gave a report on the 23rd Annual Iowa Ornithologists' Union Meeting at Ottumwa, Iowa, May 5th and 6th, with interesting comments on the various events.

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NOTICE:--Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Schott will open their home this month for the special meeting of the Club Officers and Board of Directors to formulate plans and establish policies for the coming year. There is much important business to be taken care of at that time.

SOME NOTES ON THE 1945-46 NATIONAL AUDUBON WILDLIFE SCREEN TOURS

Forty-three cities from the east to west coast are presenting the Tours during 1945-46.

Sioux City Bird Club will again present these fine motion pictures in kodachrome by some of the leading photographers of the nation at Central High Auditorium.

DATES, LECTURES and SUBJECTS ARE:

October 16, 1945 - Howard Cleaves - "Midnight Movies in Animal Land"

December 12, 1945 - Laurel Reynolds - "Fun with Birds"

January 9, 1946 - Dr. Olin Sewell Pettingill, Jr. - "Bird Magic in Mexico"

March 23, 1946 - Edna Maslowski - "Our Heritage in the Rockies"

May 3, 1946 - Bert Harwell - "Music of the Out-of-doors"

A recent letter from Mr. Wayne Short, Assistant to the President of the National Audubon Society informs us that the "pieces for this complicated schedule of presenting the Tours in the forty-three cities have been put together". Nine outstanding lecturers are to be in the field this season, five of whom will visit Sioux City.

The Sioux City Bird Club wishes to thank all supporters of the Tours for the past season of 1944-45.

The Club is proud to have presented such a fine educational feature as these lectures, films and narrations have been.

A poll taken March 9th at the occasion of the Maslowski Lecture indicated an overwhelming vote for the lectures for another season. Thanks to everyone for the interest shown!

BE ON THE WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 1945-46 TOURS IN "THE DICKCISSEL and in our SIOUX CITY NEWSPAPERS.

THIRD ANNUAL IOWA MAY BIRD COUNT

Reported to Mr. Myrle L. Jones,
Ledges State Park, Boone, Iowa
(Compiler of all Iowa counts again this year)
Data on the count: Date - May 13, 1945
Time - 9 A.M. to 6:45 P.M. - Total party hours - 120.

Topography - Woodland (open), timbered hills, open hill country, virgin prairie land, river country, lake country, city parks, residential sections, woods with underbrush not cleared and cemeteries (all in Sioux City area).

Distance - 76 car miles, 48 foot miles.

Weather - partially overcast in A.M., completely overcast in P.M.

Wind - light to high, N. and N.W.

Temperature - 38 to 57.

General notes - light conditions fair in A.M., poor for mostpart in P.M. Intermittent rain in P.M.

List as follows in A.O.U. order:

Pied-billed grebe, 4; double-crested cormorant, 2; great blue heron,5; eastern green heron, 4; mallard, 1; blue-winged teal, 25; American rough-legged hawk, 1; marsh hawk, 2; ring-neck pheasant, 8; sandhill crane, 1; sora, 1; coot, 127; killdeer, 8; greater yellowlegs, 1; lesser yellow-legs, 5; pectoral sandpiper, 25; dowitcher, 3; common tern, 1; black tern, 118; mourning dove 142; chimney swift, 19; northern or yellow shafted flicker, 26; redheaded woodpecker, 5; hairy woodpecker, 1; downy woodpecker, 8; eastern kingbird, 1; Arkansas kingbird, 4; crested flycatcher, 1; phoebe, 1; wood pewee, 1; bank swallow, 25; rough-winged swallow, 130 E; barn swallow, 40; purple martin, 11; northern blue jay, 44; eastern crow, 17; black-capped chickadee, 32; white-breasted nuthatch, 7; brown creeper, 1; house wren, 42; catbird, 7; brown thrasher, 50; robin, 160; wood thrush, 2; hermit thrush, 1; olive-backed thrush, 5; gray cheeked thrush, 3; willow thrush, 52; bluebird, 8; starling, 16; warbling vireo, 1; blue-headed vireo, 1; black and white warbler, 1; orange-crowned warbler, 8; yellow warbler, 11; Myrtle warbler, 7; black-poll warbler, 75 E; Louisiana waterthrush, 2; northern yellow-throat, 1; English sparrow, 235 E; western meadowlark, 11; yellow-headed blackbird, 50 E; red-winged blackbird, 25; Baltimore oriole, 36; orchard oriole, 1; bronzed grackle, 22; cowbird, 240 E; cardinal, 16; rose-breasted grosbeak, 11; Northern pine siskin, 150 E; red crossbill, 15(these crossbills were first observed in Logan Park Cemetery March 4th by Dr. & Mrs. A. L. Rautman and have been repeatedly observed since that date by several different persons); goldfinch, 150 E; red-eyed towhee, 8; vesper sparrow, 4; lark sparrow, 25 E; chipping sparrow, 25; clay colored sparrow, 32; field sparrow, 13; Harris's sparrow, 1; white-crowned sparrow, 54; song sparrow, 2; Total of 82 species and 2437 individuals.

THIRD ANNUAL IOWA MAY BIRD COUNT-CONTINUED

Observers - 18 in four parties:- Mr. W. J. Armour, Mrs. Marie Dales, Merlin Davies, Esther Freiert, Mrs. H. T. Lambert, Zell C. Lee, George H. Poulterer, Mary K. Poulterer, Dr. J. L. Schott, Mrs. J. L. Schott, Mona Redmond, Mrs. R. F. Remer, Elsie Williges, Mrs. H. G. Williges, Gertrude Weaver, Bertha Wellhausen, Carl Wellhausen, Mayme Yahr, - Sioux City Bird Club and Guests.

Compiled by Zell C. Lee

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BERT HARWELL, WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, VISITOR IN SIOUX CITY

Bert Harwell, one of the nation's most popular lecturers, who augments his remarkable all color motion pictures on natural history subjects by his amazing whistling ability, visited with Sioux City friends on May 4th, 5th and 6th. He stopped in Sioux City enroute to the west coast on his 1944-45 lecture tour to photograph some natural history subjects in this area.

Sioux City Bird Club members will recall Mr. Harwell's appearances here in the fall of 1942 and 1943.

Thru the kindness of a friend who furnished the required gasoline coupons, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Schott and the writer were enabled to take Mr. Harwell to some of the best territories in this area for taking pictures of insects, flowers and birds. The Mud Lake region, Loblolly and Loblolly Neck, Logan Park, Stone Park and Ponca State Park were some of the areas visited. This was Mr. Harwell's first visit to Sioux City in the springtime of the year and he commented on the richness of the subject matter to be found in this Sioux City area.

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MURL DEUSING GIVES LECTURE & MOVIE BEFORE STUDENT BODY OF C.H.S.

"Bright Feathers" was the title of the lecture given by Murl Deusing in the assembly today. It was one of a series of the Audubon Wildlife Screen Tours organized by the National Audubon Society. Mr. Deusing is from Wisconsin and has been associated with the Milwaukee Public Museum for the past thirteen years. He is a national director of the Isaak Walton League, and is highly rated as an outdoor photographer and lecturer. In his lecture, "Bright Feathers", emphasis was placed on common every-day phases of outdoor life. For taking pictures Mr. Deusing uses a motion picture camera mounted on a gun stock that rests against his shoulder like a shotgun.

He was presented by Jay Davenport and the entire program was made possible by the Sioux City Bird Club and National Audubon Society.

Taken from the Central High Record - April 20, 1945

Somewhere in Phillipines
May 10, 1945

J. L. Laffoon
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Dad:

A suggestion for the Sioux City Bird Club and other conservation organizations to do something constructive for posterity.....

Bohumil Shimek, a former U. of Iowa botany professor, used to do a lot of agitation for a preserve on area or areas in Iowa in its virginal or near-virginal prairie condition. The hills north of Stone Park are covered by a special type of prairie flora(one that Shimek did intensive studies on is near Missouri Valley). As you know, this type of hill flora is found from Sioux City to Omaha, and, to a certain extent, farther south, on the hills at the eastern edge of the Missouri River floodplain. Largely because of the fact that because of their direction facing the hot southwest winds of late summer, a large number of plants are found on them which are more typical of areas farther west, but which are rare or nonexistent in other parts of Iowa (the Yucca, or soapweed, for example). If any grassland is grazed, the species of grasses and other plants present change and weeds enter. Even if grazing ceases it takes a number of years for the prairie to return to its original condition, longer if there are no true prairies in adjacent areas. While grazing is light on these steep hills, still any amount, even if that means light grazing every four or five years causes a change in the prairie's composition. (Of course, these hills were irregularly lightly grazed by buffaloes in the past, but the prairie areas were then big enough to insure rapid repopulation of the "climax" or true prairie or plains fauna). At present the only areas I know of containing this type of prairie and in which grazing or cutting (as at War Eagle's Park) are insured against are small ones in Stone Park and Waubonsie State Park. Therefore, a hill-prairie area along the Missouri River floodplain in Iowa, in which grazing and haying would be prohibited, would be highly desirable.

(The flora on the Nebraska hills on the other side of the river, is of a more Eastern type, since they face away from the hot summer winds.) Everyone thinks of preserving virgin forest areas, but most people forget about the prairies! The small meadow type prairie we once visited near Cherokee is priceless to botanists!!!!

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THE BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER, FAMILY SYLVIIDAE
POLIOPTILA CAERULEA CAERULEA (L)
In the Sioux City, Iowa, area

The writer notes that W. W. Bennett in his publication of "Birds of Sioux City" 1931, recorded this bird as rare. He cited observations by Dr. T. C. Stephens and Mrs. H. M. (Mary L.) Bailey.

Philip A. Du Mont, in his "A Revised List of the Bird of Iowa" cites several instances of observations of this bird in the state. He states it is a fairly common summer resident in the southern part of the state and along the Mississippi River, uncommon in the central portion, rarely found in the upper Missouri River Valley. Mr. Du Mont further cites Anderson (1907) as stating that it was a common summer resident in the southern part of Iowa, occurring regularly in the central part of the state, very seldom reaching northern Iowa. Anderson lists reports from Pottawattamie, Decatur, Warren, Polk, Poweshiek, Mahaska, Blackhawk, Delaware, Linn, Johnson, Scott, Muscatine, Henry, Van Buren and Lee Counties.

On May 2, 1943, Mrs. Doris Anfinson-Cory and the writer took a field trip afoot to Stone Park area. The day was clear, light good, temperature at start 52 and 69 at return. High wind. Trees only partly leaved out.

A pair of these birds were observed in the timbered area about a quarter-mile from the Park on the left-hand side of the road between the road and the Big Sioux River. These birds were observed for more than thirty minutes in good light. Field marks were carefully checked and actions also. The white ring around the eye was noted as well as the long contrastingly colored tail which was black in the center and white on the sides. This tail was often cocked like that of a wren. The privilege of hearing the note and the song which Roger Tory Peterson describes as "a thin, squeaky warbling series of notes" was thrilling.

Later in the afternoon, the experience was told to Eugene Cutler, then custodian of Stone Park and W. W. Trusell, on meeting them a short distance from the west entrance of the Park. Cutler commented that he had observed the gnatcatcher in the Park in a past season.

Ruth Sampson reports that she, together with Edna Brower and Ann penning, on May 29, 1945, observed a blue-gray gnatcher in Stone Park near the roadway leading to Camp Kellogg for a period of fifteen minutes in good light. Field marks were carefully noted.

Zell C. Lee

THE LARK BUNTING

Mr. Carl Wellhausen makes the following observations on the Lark Bunting in this territory.

"For the past three years, I have seen Lark Buntings in single pairs in almost the same location, five and one-half miles southwest of Dakota City, Nebraska, along Highway 35."

Mr. W. J. Armour reports that he and the late Mrs. Armour have seen them in the same locality intermittently since 1923.

Dr. A. F. Allen of the Sioux City Journal in a recent conversation says he has found them occasionally in western Plymouth County along the Big Sioux River.

Last year, in company with Mr. W. P. Meissner of Pierson, Iowa, we saw a pair on the 23rd of May about three and a half miles northeast of Correctionville along the Little Sioux River.

This year Mr. W. J. Armour reported seeing a pair of Lark Buntings southwest of Dakota City, Nebraska, on the 22nd of May.

On the 25th of May I saw a single male three miles south of Dakota City along Highway 73.

It would seem that northeastern Nebraska and the extreme northwestern edge of Iowa are the eastern limit of their distribution. So far I have never heard of anyone finding them nesting, but it is my opinion that someday a nesting pair will be found.

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FIRST DATA OF 1945 ON AMERICAN OR RED CROSSBILLS AT LOGAN PARK CEMETERY

We first found these American Crossbills(also called Red Crossbills) at Logan Park on March 4th at about 1:30 on the afternoon. They were feeding on the top cones of the evergreens, generally clinging upside down to the cones and cropping the wings of the seeds. There were at least four birds, two male and two female; but they were flitting from tree to tree and there may have been small groups in other parts of the park. They were with fairly large groups of pine siskins at that time. They seemingly kept in communication with each other because from time to time they uttered a single short whistle. They were identified with the help of a low-power bird glass. The sun was bright, and the bright colors and special bill structure were clearly visible.

On March 11th, at about 2:30 P.M., in company with Miss Edna Brower, we again saw the crossbill in Logan Park feeding in the same evergreen trees. At least four individuals were again observed at close range in bright sunlight through bird glasses. No activities other than feeding were observed. The large flock of pine siskins was still there but this time in another part of the park.

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur L. Rautman

"THUMBING-A-RIDE"
(Backward)

By Allen Green

A tree-toad dozed on the branch of a tree.
"It's going to rain," he sang to me,
"Won't you give me a lift to my abode
In the hollow tree at the side of the road?"

So he hopped on my thumb for the tree he'd spied,
And I said as I walked, "You're THUMBING-A-RIDE,"
"No, no," cried the toad, "you're terribly dumb,
Not THUMBING-A-RIDE---just RIDING-A-THUMB."

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On June 1, 1945, the Des Moines Register, published a Wirephoto (Associated Press) entitled "Mrs. Mallard Takes A Bow." the photo depicted Mother Mallard presenting an off-spring for public inspection on a bridge piling nest in downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Progress of the increasing family has been watched by thousands.

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Mrs. J. L. Schott reports she has had Indigo Buntings at the bird bath in her yard this May. The Hummingbirds came back two days late on May 22nd. She feeds them one part Karo to six parts water in a glass bottle hung in the vines.

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During the Annual Meeting business was suspended to observe a male Scarlet Tanager in all his beauty on a bare branch just above the picnic table. He returned later but stayed partly out of sight in the leaves.

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Miss Ellene James reports, "A pair of robins is building a nest just two feet outside the Webster School Office window, in an evergreen tree, about six feet from the ground. The father bird keeps watch from a fencepost while the mother bird does the work. She works undisturbed by the people watching from the inside not more than two feet away. The children from the second floor look directly into the nest. We think it is the second family this year as young robins have been seen in other nests and on the ground."

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Mrs. Steffen reports that their son Bob has repeatedly seen the Indigo Buntings in their yard.

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Miss Nora Lemcke reports a large flock of Cedar Wax-wings on the grounds of Leeds High School June 4-8. Several observed these birds feeding.

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The Sioux City Bird Club wishes to extend sincere thanks to Dr. A.F. Allen of the Sioux City Journal for the beautiful bird pictures he so graciously gave the club. The club is glad to place the pictures in the club library being created this year under the direction of Mrs. H. T. Lambert, librarian and assistant editor.

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IOWA NOW VIEWING GREATEST WILDLIFE SHOW

A great feathered tide is now sweeping into Iowa. The stage is being set for the state's greatest wildlife show. After spending the winter in the sunny south, America's migratory waterfowl have hit the sky trails to their northern nesting grounds. Ducks are sweeping up the Mississippi River and filtering through central Iowa's lakes and streams. Pushing up the Missouri River, myriads of Blue Geese and Lesser Snow Geese--spurred by the urge to rear young--are pouring into the bottom lands below Council Bluffs. Final Destination for the geese is Southhampton and Baffin islands and the great tundra beyond the Arctic circle. Most of the ducks traveling through Iowa will nest in the prairie provinces of Canada, with many stopping in the Dakotas and a few in northern Iowa. Peak of the goose migration in Iowa is reached in mid-March when their massed numbers cover fields along the Missouri in Monona and Woodbury counties like snow. Inspired by this annual phenomenon, Maynard Reece, staff artist for the state historical department of the state of Iowa, has painted pictures of the pintail, the mallard, the blue goose and the lesser snow goose for the March 3, 1946 Des Moines Register (Sunday Issue)

Geese leave their winter haven in the Mississippi river delta in late February. Gradually moving up the loess flats of the Missouri, they follow the Big Sioux river north from Sioux City and by the end of March are working up between western Minnesota and the Dakotas. Driving into Canada there is a gathering of the clans at Grant's lake near Winnipeg. After another gab-fest and rest they swing toward Hudson bay and on to their Arctic nesting grounds, arriving in mid-June.

By Ries Tuttle, Des Moines Register
Outdoor Editor

Screen Tours

"Fun with Birds", the second number of this season's Screen Tours, by Mrs. Laurel Reynolds, showed what fascinating experiences we might have in our own immediate neighborhoods if we learned how to attract birds. Imagine having a gorgeous Wood Duck visit your own little pond! Her pictures are the result of nine years of wild life photography. Mrs. Reynolds is a very charming and friendly person to meet. Being a Californian, she hoped for a good old Iowa blizzard while here. Incidentally, she has never seen a Dickcissel. The pictures taken by her in Virginia just before coming to Sioux City, will be used in a film called "Southern Exposures". She hopes to follow the Whistling Swans and Canada Geese to their northern nesting grounds next spring for a series of pictures.

Dr. O. S. Pettingill and Major George M. Sutton spent several months in field research on a small deserted ranch south of Victoria, Mexico. Because this "bend in a Mexican River" is at the northern limit of the tropical life zone of America, it was an ideal place to observe the colorful birds that do not come farther north. Dr. Pettingill's "Bird Magic in Mexico", the third number of this season's Screen Tours, is the product of this expedition.

Dr. Pettingill, with two Canadian naturalists, is on a research project studying the life history of the whooping crane. He says that the outcome is very uncertain as they may or may not be able to find much data. Before lecturing here, he had been flying around the Texas coast looking for these wintering cranes. He is convinced that they are most easily spotted from a plane. This spring and summer he expects to search by plane for their nesting grounds in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Nice work if you can get it.

When Karl Maslowski went into the service his wife, Edna, took up his Screen Tours where he had left off. Last year she delighted our audience with "A Naturalist's Diary", and was booked to return. Now her husband has been discharged and is, in turn taking up the Screen Tours where she left off. On March 23 Karl Maslowski, and not Edna as announced, will give "Our Heritage in the Rockies", in Sioux City. With gas now available and tires hoped-for, some members may be planning to see first hand the wild life of the Rockies which this film will show us. Many of us dream of spending long days in the mountains leisurely studying the birds. But when we get there we are quite like the typical tourist standing with one foot on the running board, sandwich in hand, waiting for Old Faithful to "geyse" so we can rush on to the next sight.

Bert Harwell, who has been taking pictures in the south, will be here on May 3, near the end of his lecture tour. His subject will be "Outdoor Symphony". His remarkable ability to imitate birds makes his screen tours different from any others. This summer he plans to tour Canada from west to east, photographing as he goes.

Our Screen Tours are all enthusiastically received by ever increasing audiences.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

From February to June

No meeting in February
March 17 or 24 - Geese Trip to Missouri River Bottoms
March 23, Screen Tour - Karl Maslowski presentation of "Our Heritage in the Rockies"
April 2, Annual Club Dinner - Special Program
April 14 - Field Trip to Riverside Area, Stone Park, Mc Cook Lake, Mud Lake and Loblolly areas.
April 19 - Joint meeting with the Sioux City Academy of Science with guest speaker, Mr. Jack W. Musgrove, Museum Director, State Department of History

(Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Musgrove are the authors of the fine book, "Waterfowl in Iowa" which is published by the Iowa State Conservation Commission)

April 28 - Field Trip to Homer and Winnebago Region
May 3 - Screen Tour - Bert Harwell presentation of his "Outdoor Symphony"
May 5 or 12 - May Bird Count - Fourth Annual Count in Co-operation with the Iowa Ornithological Union
May (date to be detrimined) Field Trip to N. L. Stiles Preserve near Cherokee
May 30 - Field Trip to Preparation Canyon in Moorhead State Park

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Program Committee - Dr. John L. Schott, Chairman, E.A. Emery and Frank D. Martin.

Field Trip Committee - Carl Wellhausen, Chairman, W.J. Armour, Horrold Asmussen, H.B. Lloyd and Monte B. Lloyd.

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New Active Members in our Sioux City Bird Club are:

Miss Jean Fisher, Danbury, Iowa
Miss Grace Jones, Brunsville, Iowa
Mrs. Martin Smythe, Elk Point, S. Dak.
Mr. L.G. Snyder, Pierson, Iowa

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New Associate Members to receive the "Dickcissel" are:

Mrs. E.C. Gessell, 821-19th St. Apt. 6, Des Moines, 14, Iowa
Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., Northfield, Minn.

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We wish to extend a hearty welcome to these new members and hereby express our appreciation for their interest in our organization.

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A FULL LIST OF ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE AND HONORARY MEMBERS WILL APPEAR IN THE SPRING ISSUE TO APPEAR IN MAY

The Christmas Party

Perhaps it was the Christmas tree, decorated with colored lights in spite of the shortage, perhaps it was the crackling fire in the big fireplace, or it might have been the eclipse of the moon. But whatever the cause, seldom have our members let down their hair and had so much fun as at the Christmas party at the Girl Scout Little House on December 18.

First of all there never was such a supper. What started out to be a commonplace everybody-eat-your-own affair, developed into the luckiest kind of pot luck, with all of the choice salads and hot dishes being passed the length of the tables. And who will say that the bird club ladies are not superior cooks?

After supper, with the tables pushed back the merrymaking began. It seems that the committee of six appointed to plan the entertainment spent an evening in deliberation, relieved by cards and refreshments, and finally decided to leave it all to Mrs. Schott. A wise decision too, for if she can't mix'em, no one can. We were provided with pencils and papers and all went scurrying about, asking each other, "What is your first name and what do you want for Christmas?" The first one to complete the list received as a prize, a lollypop of prewar dimensions. Then we lined up in two rows of chairs facing each other, the women on one side, and men on the other, the "Brains" against the "Brawn". Mrs. Schott read a story, and the contestants supplied the names of birds. The "Brains" won, but it must be admitted that the M.C. was not entirely impartial.

Then with Opal Bullard at the piano, we sang Christmas songs, although one Brawn and one Brain unblushingly called for an old fashioned game of postoffice. (Remember there was an eclipse of the moon that night.) If you missed the Christmas party this year, don't make the same mistake next year.

The Christmas party was old home might for Jean Laffoon with everyone very happy to welcome him safely back from the south Pacific. He gave a short talk on his experience in the Navy where his knowledge of entomology was put to good use. He worked mostly on control of the mosquito of which there are several hundred species in these islands and said he sometimes felt rather silly running around with net and dipper. He found that the "great big ones" that veterans tell tall tales about do not bite man, and therefore do not spread malaria.

Jean is now in Washington D. C. with the Naval Medical Research Institute still studying the Pacific mosquitoes. They raise them right there in Washington. He considers it a rare privilege to be able to work with the top flight men in the mosquito world. (No pun intended.)

THE 46th CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Sioux City, Iowa
December 23, 1945

Sioux City (Woodbury Co.), Iowa, War Eagle's Monument Park Woods, confluence area of Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers, Lower Riverside Woods, Riverview Park Riverside Park, area long road at foot of loess hills facing westward and lying between Stone Park and Riverside, Stone Park, Plum Creek, Dr. Clyde R. Griffen's "The Woods", Old Highview Golf Course area, Logan Park, North Side, West Side; hilly woodland, mature deciduous timber and pine and cedar growth 50%, river country and wooded lowland 25%, open hills 15%, town 10%).--Dec. 23, 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Totally overcast; temp. 6 degrees to 20 degrees; Wind southeasterly, 25 to 30 m.p.h.; ground covered with 3½ in. soft snow; snowing lightly from 11:10 a.m. to 12:45 P.M. All rivers open; ice crusts near shores; all creeks frozen; 13 observers in 8 parties. Total hours afield and point observation 86; total miles, 8 (by foot) 36 by car. Am. merganser, 2; red-tailed hawk, 1; marsh hawk, 1; prairie falcon, 1; ring-necked pheasant, 2; E. screech owl (brown phase), 2; great-horned owl, 1; E. belted kingfisher, 1; northern flicker, 1; red-bellied woodpecker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 14; downy woodpecker, 28; prairie horned lark, 18; blue jay, 14; crow, 27; black-capped chickadee, 111; whitebreasted nuthatch, 6; red-breasted nuthatch, 4; brown creeper, 7; eastern robin, 1; ruby-crowned kinglet, 1; English sparrow, 360;

Eastern cardinal, 5; N. pine siskin, 6; goldfinch, 5; slate-colored junce, 136; tree sparrow, 16. Total, 27 species; 772 individuals. (Dec. 24: blue jay, 1-B.W.) Don Bushar, Mrs. Marie Dales, Dr. J.E. Dvorak, Mrs. E.A. Emery, Ethel Hackett, Jayne Hemmingson, Jean L. Laffoon, Pharmacist's Mate 1st Class, U.S.N., Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Lambert, Zell C. Lee, Mrs. J.L. Schott, Bertha Wellhausen, Carl Wellhausen (members and guest Sioux City Bird Club).

" Beaver Dinner "

Nearly one hundred members and friends of the Bird Club attended the beaver dinner January 21st at the Jackson Hotel. Altho nice thick beefsteaks were served to the less venturesome, the majority ate beaver, most of us for the first time, and pronounced it very good. "What does it taste like?" the non-beaver-eaters asked the beaver-eaters. Some said "like pork", others, "like beef". It seems that the only way to learn is to try it yourself next year.

William Williges who is doing research on beavers for his master's degree at the University of Wyoming, told of his field investigations covering 1400 ponds in Wyoming where the beaver does practically no damage. Although we usually think of lodges as being in the water, he found sixty percent on the banks or on the dams. They are reached by tunnels six to eight feet long. He says that the popular belief that beavers can cause a tree to fall in any desired direction is erroneous. The highest dam that he found reached a height of sixty feet, across a narrow canyon.

W.W.Trusell, state conservation officer, explained the status of the beaver in our locality. In 1931 and '32 they were scarcely known in Iowa. Now every stream and small creek in the state has a population of beaver. Where they have become a nuisance, the state Trapper, working with the Conservation Commission, remove them. Some are live trapped and taken to other areas, but many have to be killed. For example, they were cutting down good sized trees on the east bank of Brown's Lake. Sometimes they cut off a half acre of corn in a single night. Covering the entrance to their bank homes with corn stalks and sticks which wash down in high water, plugs drainage ditches and often cause farmers fields to be flooded. These indictments against the busy beaver cleared our consciences. Some of us had had secret scruples about the members of a club dedicated to the conservation of wild life, getting together over plates of roast beaver.

Bruce Stiles, a former president of our club and now Chief of Fish and Game of the Iowa State Conservation Commission, sketched the history of wild life conservation in Iowa. The first laws on this subject were passed about 1857. But laws alone were found inadequate, in saving our wild life. Beginning about 1919 the first Fish and Game Commission attacked the problem from a different angle. The stocked waters and fields from fish hatcheries and game farms. This work helped but did not solve the problem. In 1935 the present Fish and Game Commission made a careful survey of Iowa and formulated a twenty-five year plan, based on havibat management. The underlying idea is that wild life can get on by itself if it has the proper habitat. One of the commissions greatest problems is to make their program compatible with agriculture.

Mr. Trusell displayed a remarkable find, an oriole's nest with a bronzed grackle hung from it by a horse hair. The oriole had used the hair in her home building and the grackle, visiting the nest for no good purpose, had stuck his head through the loop and been strangled.

RECOLLECTIONS

Since I was born and reared on a farm nine miles from Sioux City, in Dakota County, Nebraska, it was quite natural that I knew many of the common birds in that particular locality. I knew the prairie chicken, red wings, blackbirds, cowbirds, larks, swallows, robins, catbirds and many others. Some I knew under different names such as the gold finch to me was the wild canary, the brown thrasher was the brown thrush and geese were the white and gray brant. The waterfowl known to me as white brant was the snow goose. I do not remember seeing a blue goose until later years while making field trips with the Sioux City Bird Club.

The geese in migration times would cover our fields of young wheat, at times doing much damage. We kept a pony ready to jump onto and ride out to scare them off. We caught them in steel traps also. By staking the traps firmly and placing grains of corn in and around them we caught the geese by the bills as they were reaching for the corn.

Prairie chickens were very plentiful during the winter and were trapped by nearly all farmers. I remember one winter a man stayed at our house and made a business of trapping prairie chickens. He ran about eighty traps, which were made of lath, about 2½ feet high, about 4 feet long and sloping from 3 feet wide at the bottom to two by one at the top. A shingle hung near the rear and with a block to make it stay shut by tripping it against a strip at the front. He had a row of sharpened pegs around the sides and back, so close together that a chicken could not stand between them, and on which were placed pieces of corn ears. The birds would have to go into the front end

and as they stepped on the shingle it would tip and drop them into the trap. Many times the trappers would take from one to a dozen chickens out of one trap, and catch as many as three to six hundred in a day. They were packed in barrels and frozen to be shipped to large eastern cities where they were served as a special dish in first class hotels and restaurants. Many farmers helped out their meager income and fed their families from the proceeds of the traffic. Many of these barrels of birds came to Sioux City. As the prairie chickens became scarce laws were passed to protect them.

The first time that Mrs. Armour and I began to give special attention to birds was brought about by a peculiar instance. One morning in the spring I heard a beautiful song, something like a robin but more throaty and deeper also. I looked around to see what bird was making this song. I discovered a bird in a large maple tree. It was nearly as large as a robin with a dark back, light underneath, with a rose or pink spot on the throat. The bill was thick. I did not know what bird it was. I called my wife, who when she saw it did not know which bird it was. She became curious so looked it up to find that it was a rose breasted grosbeak. We became interested in birds and Mrs. Armour insisted we should have some books of reference. We got, for this first reference, a set of nine volumes called Nature's Library. That was in about 1905. Since that time we have studied many bird books and in many places. In California we again met our old friend the grosbeak and a new one the California quail with a little sprig of feathers on top of his head. On the deserts of Wyoming and Washington we saw the sage hen, in Colorado at the Seven Falls we met the water ouzel, in

Texas and Arizona the runner, white wing, and scissor tailed flycatcher. In South Dakota we saw the avocet. In the St. Louis Zoo and in the San Antonia Zoo we saw many birds from foreign lands. These birds from Australia, Africa, South America and Central America were very interesting to Mrs. Armour.

-- W.J. Armour --

Gleanings and Observations

Our younger members might enjoy organizing a Junior Group for some special activities. They could come early and get together before the regular Bird Club meetings to plan anything which might interest them. Perhaps they would like some extra hikes in addition to the regular club field trips. They have more pep and less rumatiz than their elders. They could plan their own fun for the club picnics. They might publish a column of notes in the Dickcissel. But whatever their activities, they would be a Junior Group of Bird Club members, and not a separate organization. We do not want to lose our young people.

Bruce Stiles attributes the unusual number of snowy owls in Iowa this winter to the scarcity of mice and lemmings north of here.

If you have a friend still in the Pacific, he might be interested in a field guide, Birds of the Southwest Pacific by Ernest Mayr. During the past seventeen years, the author has studied the birds of this area, conducting three expeditions. Color plates by Jaques and black and white drawings by Seidel illustrate the book. With this guide your service man could identify flower-peckers, wood-swallows and scarlet robins.

Mr. Seubert heard two woodpeckers about 400 feet apart tapping alternately as if in conversation. However he thinks they might have been gleaning dormant larvae which stay in trees two or more seasons.

We are very glad to have Herrold Asmussen, a former president, back in club activities. He joined the air-corps in October 1942. At Midland, Texas, he had charge of cadets' physical training and later of the rehabilitation of bombardiers. He was discharged about July 1945. But if you think that when he took off his uniform, he also discarded his notions about tough military training, just ask any of the boys in his Central High Calisthenics class.

Bertha Wellhausen's feeding station attracts flickers, downy and hairy woodpeckers, chickadees, jays and creepers, but no cardinals and robins.

If our president ever lacks employment, which is extremely unlikely, she can always take up table decorating. Bird club dinner tables, under her direction, are always novel and interesting as well as artistic. Decorations are gathered mostly from fields and woodlands rather than from Kresge or Woolworth.

Pine siskins have been in Logan Park for a period exceeding one year. Only six birds were recorded in the 46th Christmas Bird Count. Larger numbers and more activity were recorded on February 9, 10 and 12 by Zell C. Lee. On February 24, Gertrude Weaver and Zell C. Lee observed 150 to 200 birds in much activity.

Carl Wellhausen saw a red-breasted nuthatch near 14th and Villa on December 10. He followed it to Children's Park.

On his southern trip during Christmas vacation Herrold Asmussen enjoyed studying wild life in Organ National Monument Park near the Mexican border of Arizona. Here he added the Phainopepla, a satiny black, high-crested flycatcher to his life list. These handsome males do the nest building, often weaving flowers and their stems into the nests.

Mrs. Laurel Reynolds, one of our Screen Tour speakers, expressed surprise at the number of men among our club officers. She said that most of the bird societies which she contacts seem to be made up largely of women. The Sioux City Club always has had a good proportion of active and interested men. And it probably will continue to have, as our young members from high school and junior high are mostly boys.

Dr. Schott says ducks are getting smart. They stay in a refuge all day and feed at night.

Stimulated by Mrs. Schott's talk on winter feeding, Karl Kuhlmann put out mixed bird seed in a self feeder. Notable among his visitors were cardinals and a white breasted nuthatch. One January day a Red-bellied Woodpecker visited his station. At 18th and Ross he saw a pair of Rubycrowned Kinglets, and in the road near Tyndall, South Dakota, Prairie Horned Larks.

Hairy woodpeckers, down woodpeckers, flickers, black-capped chickadees, brown creepers, white-breasted nuthatches and red-breasted nuthatches have been observed by Zell C. Lee at her feeders and chickadee diners in four winters of consistent bird feeding. First observations on the red-breasted nuthatch were made February 24 and March 3, 1946.

In settling a dispute among its readers, Natural History Magazine in its last issue, quoted Dr. Pettingill as a recognized authority on the woodcock.

Roger T. Peterson, author of the bird guides, is back with the National Audubon Society, after two years in the service, spent mostly in illustrating manuals on mines.

Mrs. E. C. Gessell attended the Beaver Dinner and spent several days visiting friends in Sioux City. She still keeps her membership in our club although she moved to DesMoines some time ago, where she is active in the work of the DesMoines Audubon Society. Mrs. Gessell's membership is an Associate Membership to receive the "Dickcissel".

While here in our city, Mrs. Gessell spent some time with Mr. W. J. Armour looking through the fird data gathered by the late Mrs. Armour. About 1908 Mrs. Armour started clipping articles and news items about birds and copying poetry on that subject. She also kept extensive notes on her own observations. Mrs. Gessell considers these scrap books a very valuable collection.

We are glad to welcome Monte Lloyd back into the active work of our club. He is very much interested in birds and has a private library on ornithology.

Coronet Magazine for January '46 carries the story of a circus made up of 45 trained birds, including cardinals, pigeons, canaries, woodpeckers, parakeets, blackbirds, cockatoos and crows. They are trained and exhibited by Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Hansen of Lone Tree, Iowa. They have performed in several states, and have inspired many children to resolve never to harm birds or their nests again.

Finis was written to the biography of Major Allan Brooks (see our last issue) with his death in January, at his home in British Columbia. The Sioux City Bird Club has lost an interested friend.

Ruth Sampson, our secretary, is back on her feet after thirty-nine days in the hospital with a broken leg.

We are deeply indebted to Miss Ethel Hackett, 2935 Nebraska Street, for her very willing and efficient work in the secretaryship protem of our Bird Club during the absence of Miss Sampson. Miss Hackett is one of our new and very active members.

Mrs. Axel Madsen reported an observation of a male bluebird for a considerable period of time on February 21. This colorful and interesting bird was observed in a soft maple tree in the front yard of the Madsen home at 3428 Jones Street.

Mrs. C.D. Norling, perhaps better known to us as Mildred Peterson, reported a robin in gay mood and dress on the grounds about her home at 714-34th Street on February 5. The temperature on this day was very mild and considerable rainfall occurred.

Miss Grace Jones, of the Primary Dept. of the Brunsville, Iowa Public School and one of our new Active Members, reported a flock of 12 to 15 bluebirds observed on the grounds of the Brunsville School during the later part of December 1945. These birds were observed on a day of moderate temperature during noontime.

Miss Edna Brower observed a flock of 25 to 50 red-winged blackbirds on January 22, 1946 at 2:30 P.M. in a garden adjoining the grounds of the Riverview School at 2205 Bryan. Miss Brower reported the birds as all males with their bright epaulets a good mark of identification.

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Snowy Owl Observation

Date November 19, 1945

Adult male snowy owl taken by W.W. Trusell, Conservation Officer of the Iowa State Conservation Commission, in open country in Liberty Township, southwest of Sergeant Bluff, Woodbury County, Iowa, in willow fringe along east bank of Missouri River.

Second joint of right wing was injured and body bore shotgun wounds. Bird was alive when taken. Mr. Trusell kept the bird at his home for several days, but the bird did not respond to treatment and died.

Bird was sent by Mr. Trusell to Jack Musgrove, Museum Director, State Department of History and Archives, Des Moines, Iowa.

Report has come back to Mr. Trusell from Mr. Musgrove that the contents of stomach of the bird proved to be grass only.

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" Wildlife Week - March 17 - 23, 1946 "

Each year we lay aside a week for wildlife known as Wildlife Restoration Week. Each year we hear people inquiring just what its all about and how it is supposed to be observed. There is no official celebration. The week was originated with the idea of awakening the public to a realization of the importance of our wildlife and the responsibility of protecting what we have and restoring what we have lost. Here, we may point to the tragic story of the passenger pigeon and the heath hen, the slaughter of the vast buffalo herds and the ruthless waste of our great forests. It is to

be hoped that the sober truth of this shameful chapter in our history and its effect will make for better citizens of our school children and a healthier future for the country these children will someday inherit.

The National Wildlife Federation issues each year a sheet of several attractively colored stamps which may be purchased by sending one dollar to their office at 1212 - 16th St. N.W. Washington, 6, D.C. The money is used to further conservation and to promote legislation beneficial to nature lovers and sportsmen. F.L. Jaques, C. Hexom, Herbert Christy, C. Lange and Walter A. Wever are some of the outstanding artists who have painted subjects for these beautiful wildlife stamps. F.L. Jaques and Walter A. Wever are names foremost in the nation today as painters of bird life.

- - - Zell C. Lee - - -

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BIRD ART DISPLAY

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa- Fifty bird and flower studies by the late Althea R. Sherman of Clayton County will be shown in the Cedar Falls art gallery January 6 to 27, inclusive. The pictures are from a collection of 238 items she left to the archived of the state. Member of a pioneer Iowa family, she gained international recognition for her investigations of bird life at her secluded home at a crossroads called National, Iowa.

(Taken from the Des Moines Daily Register, December 30, 1945 issue. Miss Althea R. Sherman appeared before the Sioux City Bird Club in 1922 and presented a lecture.)

"Armchair Birding For Winter"

Edwin Way Teale selected the one hundred best titles of works by naturalist-authors. The list was published in Audubon Magazine - November-December 1944. The ones our Public Library has are listed with the call numbers.

921 Au24b	Audubon, John James - 1900 Audubon and His Journals
508.81 B31n	Bates, Henry W. 1892 Naturalist on the River Amazons
915 B39p	Beebe, William- 1927 Pheasant Jungles
918.8 B39j	Beebe, William - 1918 Jungle Peace
918.8 B39e	Beebe, William - 1921 Edge of the Jungle
814 B94w	Burroughs, John - 1892 Wake Robin
814 B94l	Burroughs, John - 1907 Locusts and Wild Honey
591-986- C36m	Chapman, Frank - 1929 My Tropical Air Castle
591.5 D24w	Darling, Frazer - 1938 Wild Country
808.8 E14h	Darwin, Charles Voyage on the Beagle
591.5 D63t	Ditmars, Raymond L. Thrills of a Naturalist's Quest.
598.2 Ec5c	Eckstein, Gustav Canary
595.7 F11g	Fabre, J. H. 1917 The Life of a Grasshopper
595.4 F11-1	Fabre, J. H. 1913 The Life of a Spider
921 F164f	Fairchild, David G. 1938 The World was My Garden
917.11 H78c	Hornaday, William T. 1906 Campfires in the Canadian Rockies
921 H86f-	Hudson, W. H.- 1918 Far Away and Long Ago
595.7 M26b	Maeterlinck, Maurice- 1901 The Life of the Bee
917.8 M62w	Mills, Enos A. Wild Life in the Rockies
917.98- M89t	Muir, John 1915 Travels in Alaska
821 N87wa	Noyes, Alfred Watchers of The Sky
504 P32a	Peattie, Donald Culross An Almanac For Moderns
920 P32j	Peattie, Donald Culross Green Laurels
590.4 SC06e	Scoville, Samuel Everday Adventures
590.4 Sh2w	Sharp, Dallas Lore - 1912 Ways of the Woods.
814 T63b	Torrey, Bradford- 1895 Birds in the Bush
814 T63c	Torrev, Bradford - 1904 The Clerk of the Woods
917.42 T63f	Torrey, Bradford -1902 Footing It in Franconia
818 T39w	Thoreau, Henry D. 1893 Walden
818 T39we	Thoreau, Henry D. 1891 A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers
917.41 T39m	Thoreau, Henry D. 1897 The Maine Woods
818 T39s	Thoreau, Henry D. 1891 Summer
818 T39wi	Thoreau, Henry D. 1895 Winter

799.1 W17c	Walton, Izaak- 1927 The Complete Angler

Twenty-five recent additions to the Sioux City Public Library include the following books - some older titles are very good for this region.

598.2 G74w	Govan, Mrs. A. C. 1940 Wings at My Window
598.2 Ar5b	Armstrong, Edward A. -1942 Bird Display
598.2 H52g	Hickey, Joseph James 1943 Guide To Bird Watching
808.1 SC3b	Scollard, Clinton - 1930 The Bird Lovers' Anthology
598.2 R54bi	Roberts, T. S. 1934 Bird Portraits In Color,
598.2 R54b	Roberts, T. S. 1932 Birds of Minnesota
598.2 M45b	Mayr, Ernest 1945 Birds of Southwest Pacific
598.2 N.51w	Nice, Mrs. Margaret 1939 The Watcher At The Nest
808.8 P93b	Priestly, Mrs. Mary A Book of Birds
598.2 J27b	Jacques, Florence 1942 Birds Across The Sky
598.2 M19b	McKenny, Margaret 1939 Birds In the Garden
598.2 P32g	Peattie, Donald Culross A Gathering of Birds-1939
598.2 P44w	Peterson, Alvin M. 1940 Wild Bird Neighbors
598.2 St3bd	Stephens, T.C Birds of Dakota County Nebraska
598.2 Ei3b	Eifert, Virginia S.1941 Birds in your Backyard
598.2 M97w	Musgrove, Jack W. 1943 Waterfowl in Iowa
570.6 109n V17 No7	Stephens, T.C. 1938 The Summer Birds of the Lake Okoboji Region of Iowa.
598.2 L63m	Lincoln, F. C. 1939 Migration of American Birds.
598.2 H29i	Hausman, L. A. 1944 Illustrated Encyclopedia of American Birds

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FOR FIELD GUIDE BOOKS we suggest Roger Tory Peterson's "A Field Guide to Eastern Birds" for this region.

This book together with home use of the Thomas S. Roberts books in two volumes "Birds of Minnesota" and John James Audubon's "Birds of America" should make good reference and study material.

Dr. T. C. Stephens 2024 South Royce Street, Sioux City, Iowa, has published a new book this summer entitled "An Annotated Bibliography of South Dakota Ornithology" that should be helpful to our birders. This book may be obtained directly from Dr. Stephens, M. D. --D.Sc.

Letters and Notes From Members and Friends

Somewhere in the Philippines
May 30, 1945

Dear folks:

Am mosquito-hunting again, of course. We've already collected thousands here, about 25 species so far--we're going out tomorrow again and should get some more interesting ones. Ever hear of taro? It's a plant about 4 - 8 feet tall, very large leaves, the bases of which hold water. It's found throughout the tropics. Natives use roots for standard starch food in place of bread. Well in the water at the bases of the leaves, many kinds of mosquito larvae can be found. Have collected 4 species in them here so far. Anopheles minimus is the worst mosquito here, is found in grassy sides of streams. Megarhinus, which doesn't bite but feeds on flower nectar, is about the size of a wasp--we've taken it in taro axils. Other species from small irrigation reservoirs, evaporation beds of salt works, rice paddies, coconut husks, tree holes, pools in stream beds, pandanus axils, etc. Very interesting work.

I bought a copy of the "Mosquitoes of North America," so when I get back, I'll collect some and show you what they look like.

I guess so far out here I've collected or helped collect about 150 different species of mosquitoes - - maybe more - - including a number of new species. Dr. Knight, Dr. Rozeboom and I do the identification - - Dr. Rozeboom does the anophelines and aedes, Dr. Knight does Culex, and I do Uranotaenia and Armigeres - - except that Knight and I are beginning to work together on a number of species - - I do the adults and larvae, and he does the male genitalia (very distinctive in different species) and the pupae. Probably will co-author with Knight on at least one mosquito publication.

Don't know if I told you, but Dr. Alexander says he's going to name another crane-fly after me - so that'll be Nephrotoma laffooni and Limonia laffooni in the crane-flies, and Douttia laffooni, a weevil. I've probably (according to Alexander) sent him about 30-40 new species of crane-flies and have sent, I'd guess, about 30 new species of weevils to Zimmerman at the Bishop Museum in Hawaii. All my flies collected up to December are at John's Hopkins waiting for me and I have the rest out here. Must have about 100 new species.

Not much of a letter all about "bugs," but I'll write again, soon.

As ever,
Jean

Jean Laffoon PhM 1/c
Box 22, Navy 3964
San Francisco, California

Cherokee, Iowa
October 31, 1945

Dear Miss Lee:

I was very much pleased to receive the "Dickcissel", (issue of June 1945 Vol. VI No. V)

People are usually always so polite that one never knows whether or not a trip was a real success until perhaps something occurs that shows a result.

Jean's letter is that kind of evidence and I wish he and the rest of you could have been down in the big preserve along the river some time this last two weeks or so. This tract has been so isolated during the war that it is really wild and while the permanent life is plentiful, the migrating birds have been coming in clouds. I have only been in there twice this summer but last week I sat there on a log and the warblers must never have seen a human being before for some of them would work all around me and frequently within two feet of my head. One little greenish fellow sat and looked me in the eye for a time and finally began picking the hemp seed off my hat. I'm no good at these fine distinctions in warblers but I do like to watch the birds.

I think the funniest sight I ever saw was that of some woodpeckers, in the spring of the year, drunk as lords on fermented maple sap found in the butt of a hollow tree.

Perhaps the time will come when the club can again have an expedition here in the woods along the river in May when the wild flower preserve will again be in full bloom.

Yours truly,
(signed) N.L. Stiles

Poultney, Vermont
November 30, 1945

My dear Miss Sampson:

I thought the members of the Sioux City Bird Club would be interested in hearing about a large flock of evening grosbeaks which I saw in our yard November 13. My brother and I stepped out on the porch and watched them for some time.

At first I couldn't identify them for they were so large and there was so much yellow and white on them--I should have known of course that they were grosbeaks for the thing that struck me first was the large yellow bill. They seemed quite tame and we thought there must have been 40 or 50 or them. The females were very pretty--the pretty blue grey of the white-breasted nuthatch. They were all on the ground for sometime, chattering away and feeding on something found in the grass. Then they all flew farther back in the yard and stayed in some trees.

The following day--the 14th-my brother, the Rev. John W. Norris, said he saw what he judged to be the same flock a few blocks from us on the college campus.

I have watched ever since and hoped they would return but so far they haven't returned. I saw five or six birds about two weeks before I saw the large flock but at that they were in and out of the trees and I couldn't identify them at that time.

It gave us so much pleasure and I thought the Bird Club friends might be interested.

My brother and I moved to Vermont in August and think we are going to enjoy living here.

I think the new cover on "The Dickcissel" is splendid and the club has every reason to be proud of its publication. I enjoy reading every number and want to thank you for mailing me the copies.

With all good wishes for a fine winter, both in meetings and "hunts", I remain,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Adah M. Hood

P.S. Miss Sampson - We are in the Episcopal Rectory - not Congregational. However that is not necessary. Just address me at Poultney, Vermont, Box 58.

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Maryville, Tennessee
January 12, 1946

Dear Miss Lee:

I do wish you could be here to enjoy our birds with us - cardinals and field larks are all we've seen so far, but hear several more.

My husband is being discharged from the service this week.

Sincerely,

(signed) Ella Gibson
(Mrs. James Gibson)

1222 Morningside Ave. Maryville, Tennessee.

Note: Lieutenant and Mrs. James Gibson lived at Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, for sometime, Lt. Gibson being stationed at the Sioux City Air Base. Both were interested in bird study and met with us on two occasions of picnic suppers held at Latham Memorial Park, Morningside.

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Oaxaco, Mexico

Thursday, February 14, 1946

I wish you could see the birds here! They sing beautifully and all night too.

The vulture pictures of the last lecture were true to life. I have seen them enacted many times.

We flew here to Oaxaco yesterday. Flying is the only way to travel.

This is a beautiful and interesting country.

- - - - Mrs. H.G. Williges

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THE RETURN OF THE BIRDS

I hear, from many a little throat,
A warble interrupted long,
I hear the robin's flute-like note,
The bluebird's slender song.

Brown meadows and the russet hill,
Not yet the haunt of grazing herds,
And thickets by the glimmering rill,
Are all alive with birds.

--Bryant

Editorials

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A VALUABLE HOBBY

Bird watching, unlike many other hobbies, does not lend itself to exhibition at a hobby show or display to the interested house guest. A collector goes forth on an exciting quest, scouring out-of-the-way shops and dusty attics. He returns with some rare article to add to his collection. Now when a bird watcher sets out, he tramps through brush and bogs. He returns exultant over having glimpsed a rare species at a distance, or having watched unobtrusively the building of a nest. The collector may show graceful wobbly antique furniture, volumes of postage stamps, or quaint useless old glass bottles. But the birder returns from an expedition afield with nothing tangible but a few scrawled notes and a collection of sandburs and woodticks. What can he show his friends?

Have you ever tried taking a politely interest acquaintance to see the birds which have given you so much pleasure? One spring in a secluded wooded area, I had seen small flocks of Redstarts flitting and strutting about for several successive days. So I invited a friend who was unacquainted with woods warblers, to share the gorgeous sight with me. Early next morning we slipped very quietly into the little bird haven. Not a Redstart. Not a single one! Next day I went alone and there were Redstarts a plenty. Why was that? Such things have happened too often to be accidental. I am getting superstitious about them. Of course when I go into the woods with a troop of romping and shouting scouts it is easy to understand why most birds flee for their lives, leaving only the robins, and starlings for me to point out to my restless charges.

No there isn't any effective way to show off a bird watching hobby. We cannot bring the birds home with us as collectors bring back their finds. But birding, with its dearth of negotiable results, does bring a joy which the uninitiated do not realize. One comes home from a trip afield with an exhilaration over the silver tones of the Wood Thrush, a vivid mental picture of the Myrtle Warbler, and a deep spiritual satisfaction from being in the out of doors. The bird lover observes without intruding, enjoys without molesting. This is the spirit which fosters conservation. True wild life conservation, like many other far reaching forces, is primarily a state of mind. It comes from within. It is the desire to cherish without meddling, to partake without despoiling. Ralph Waldo Emerson expressed it in his poem, "Forbearance:"

Hast thou name all the wild birds without a gun?
Loved the wild rose and left it on its stalk?...........
O, be my friend and teach me to be thine!

It is a beautiful ideal but runs counter to the natural acquisitiveness in all of us. The urge to take whatever seems desirable is ingrained in young and old alike. Children troop through the wood gathering all the wild columbine in sight, often uprooting the delicate plants from the soft loam. They may reach home with a few bedraggled flowers, a sorry

recompense for having denuded the woodland. A woman digs up rare ferns to carry home to her northern exposure bed; an obliging husband tears down an entire bitter sweet vine to gather the bright berries for mantel decorations. We are prone to go through life with hot grasping hands, reaching for whatever we see of beauty or worth, wishing to gather it, to make it our own. This human greed must be curbed and directed away from our natural resources if we are to preserve our American birthright. Since our members, as birdwatchers do necessarily practice forbearance toward wild life, it is the duty of our club and all similar organizations, to point the way; to instill, wherever possible, the true spirit of conservation, certainly this is no easy task.

Adaline T. Lambert
Editor

Dr. THOMAS S. ROBERTS

The passing of Dr. Thomas S. Roberts marks the end, or rather the completion of the career of an eminent ornithologist. Unlike many pioneers, he lived to see his dreams realized, his life ambition consummated with a superb achievement. On the University of Minnesota campus, the beautiful, big white stone Natural History Museum, housing a wealth of wild life exhibits amassed under his direction, is a monument to his lifelong efforts.

Dr. Roberts was born near Philadelphia eighty-eight years ago, and went to Minneapolis by river-boat at the age of nine. When twenty-seven years old he received his M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and returned to the thriving little city of Minneapolis where he practiced medicine.

He had always been intensely interested in birds, and at the age of fifty-seven he retired from medical practice to accept the position of Professor of Ornithology and Associate Curator of the cramped little Zoological Museum at the University of Minnesota. During the first four years of his incumbency, the University authorities seemed very indifferent to the needs of the museum, making no regular appropriation for it and caring for a few minor expenses only. He, however, visualized the little museum serving an important educational function in revealing the natural history of the great state of Minnesota, not only to the University students, but to the general public. He immediately augmented the exhibits by giving his own private collection of 2000 bird skins and as many negatives of pictures, birds' eggs, and lantern slides. He also brought with him his valuable private library on ornithological subjects.

The expenses of maintenance, construction of exhibits, field work and even postage were met by donations from business men of Minneapolis, with James F. Bell, president of General Mills, making the greatest and most regular contributions. Even with such spasmodic financing as reliance on

donations is bound to produce, the policy of the Minnesota museum under Dr. Robert's guidance, was to construct exhibits with such meticulous care and artistic taste, that they compare favorably with the famous groups in the east.

The Beaver group shows the activities of these animals in Itasca State Park. (We cannot seem to get away from the subject of beavers.) Dr. Roberts and Jenness Richardson, the museum taxidermist, spent nine weeks in Itasca, studying the wild life there, particularly the beavers, gathering material for the group and taking pictures. A. C. Corwin, of Chicago, the prominent painter, spent two weeks in the Park with them, making preliminary sketches for the background which he painted.

After fifteen months of painstaking work on the preparation of material this instructive composition, showing beavers building a dam, was completed, and is said to be one of the best, if not the best, in this country. The construction of this group, measuring something like twenty feet across, nine feet high and nine feet deep, cost about $3000 all told. Dr. Roberts contributed most of this himself. He also paid for several small groups, including the now extinct Passenger pigeons mounted with a genuine nest and egg of the species, so far as known, the only group of its kind.

Twenty years ago Dr. Roberts reached retirement age, but he never did retire and was the University's oldest professor at the time of his death, in April, 1946. Several years ago the Museum came into its own, and was moved into a spacious building, constructed especially for this purpose, through the generous gift of James F. Bell, supplemented by the Public Works Administration.

If you are going to, or through, Minneapolis, do not fail to stop and see the lifelike bird and animal groups with backgrounds painted by the leading nature artists of America. About six years ago, when I visited the Museum, Dr. Roberts, a friendly, unassuming man, expressed lively interest in the bird studies of our state, and said that he was a regular reader of Iowa Bird Life. He showed me through the impressive new building where I met the staff at work on artificial vegetation, and the thousand and one details that go into habitat building. It was a source of great satisfaction to him that the groups built back in the days of discouragement and uncertainty, were done with such consummate skill that they are entirely in keeping with their palatial new setting. Mr. Breckinridge, second in command at that time, has taken over the administrative work since Dr. Roberts became ill some time ago. He is an artist and naturalist of recognized ability, very easy to visit with. Bird students will miss Dr. Roberts, but he has left us a valuable heritage. The books he has written, the records he has compiled, and the museum he has developed have greatly enriched the nature lore of the middle west.

Adaline T. Lambert
Editor

Screen Tours

Our Heritage in the Rockies

Karl and Edna Maslowski are unpredictable. Last year we booked Karl for a screen tour and Edna came. This year we booked Edna and Karl came. If we booked them both next year they would probably send the kids. Karl Maslowski's tour, "Our Heritage in the Rockies" took us to Yellowstone. The film showed the Park as a vast wild life nursery. Wobbly twin moose calves trailed after their mother; a mother cayote warily approached her den, home of her five puppies; mountain Blue Birds flitted in and out of their nesting hole, feeding their young; and baby Columbia Ground Squirrels watched us with their big wondering eyes.

In the very nature of things, wild life movies are likely to be fragmentary. Birds and animals are so uncooperative! We know the Maslowskis must have worked with great patience and persistence to make their remarkable sequence of pictures of beavers. These large rodents' ability to fell trees and construct dams has long been one of the most publicized and most intriguing of animal traits. However, the visitor at the scent of their labor sees a messy but effective dam, perhaps some lodges and the characteristic pointed tree stumps. He carries home as a souvenir some chips that show teeth marks, but usually does not catch a glimpse of the shy builders who toil mostly at night. However, since these animals venture out during the late afternoon in the protection of the Yellowstone Sanctuary, Karl and Edna made a color movie of them. The motion picture camera with its telescopic lens in the hands of these skilled operators brought us at close range these animals actually at work.

A big beaver swam across a pool carrying mud and stones between her front paw and chin, and plastered it carefully onto the one hundred fifty foot dam with her front feet. The flat tail was used as a rudder in swimming but never as a trowel in construction work as is popularly believed. Again she swam into view trailing a seven foot stick which she worked into the dam with her mouth and front feet. Then she brought grass to bind and strengthen the mud plaster. Selecting a sizable stick from a near by tangle she grasped it in her mouth and tried to pull it loose. Going around to the other side, she pulled again but the pole would not budge. Swimming to the end she tried to dislodge the pole by pulling down with her entire weight, but finally gave it up as a bad job.

Now we saw a truly rare sight--a beaver cutting down a tree. She had girdled it, but as the opening was too narrow to admit her head, she was cutting it wider. We were so close that we watched the long powerful strokes of her lower jaw, entirely different from the nervous choppy movements of a squirrel gnawing a nut. We even saw her brush a chip out of her mouth with her front paw. Later, we were told the busy rodents gnaw the trees into sections for convenience in handling. It required only four minutes to cut through a pole four inches in diameter. This picture was especially timely for our club as we were able to watch in detail the construction work which we had learned so much about from the speakers at the Beaver Dinner in January. Now we are really up on Beavers.

HARWELL PROGRAM
CLOSES BIRD CLUB NATURE LECTURES FOR 1945-46 SEASON

A naturalist, a musician, a bird call imitator, a lecturer and a photographer, all in the person of C. A. ("Bert") Harwell, pleased a large audience Friday night at the Central High School in the final wildlife screen tour of the season sponsored by the Sioux City Bird Club and the National Audubon society.

Mr. Harwell, western representative of the Audubon society, proved to be an extraordinary entertainer. The photography in colored movies was exceptional with specific attention to birds of the west and middle west. With the birds shown twittering on the screen, the lecturer gave perfect imitations of the call of the birds.

The reels, however, were not confined to birds. Flowers and animals of the Glacier National Park area were shown, as well as some scenes of birds taken in the Sioux City area on a former trip to this section.

At the close of the lecture, Mr. Harwell presented a short concert of whistling solos, accompanying himself at the piano. So enthusiastic was the audience that Mr. Harwell was forced to extend his whistling performance.

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SCREEN TOURS FOR 1946-1947

An announcement that should be of interest to all Sioux Cityans is that our Sioux City Bird Club will again present the Audubon Screen Tours for the 1946-47 season.

Briefly at this time, our Club announces the following program, which is now final to us. (Over sixty cities now take part in these fine educational presentations by top-flight photographers, lecturers and naturalists.)

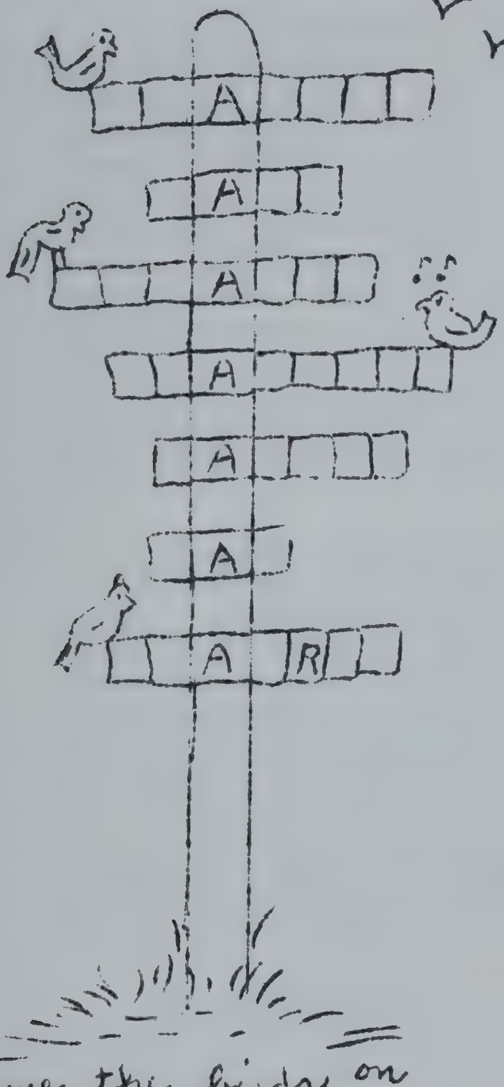
September 30, 1946 - ALLAN CRUICKSHANK - "SOUTH ALONG THE SUWANEE"
November 19, 1946 - JOHN H. STORER - "WINGS, FINS AND ANTLERS"
December 12, 1946 - HOWARD L. ORIANS - "LAKELORE"
March 3, 1947 - MARTIN K. BOVEY - "BIRD SHOOTING WITH A CAMERA"
May 6, 1947 - HOWARD CLEAVES - "ANIMALS UNAWARE"

Let us get behind this program and make it the success it has been in the two previous years we have presented these Audubon Tours. We need your help.

Z. C. L.

A FIELD TRIP ON PAPER

How well do you know your birds?



Name the birds on the telephone pole.

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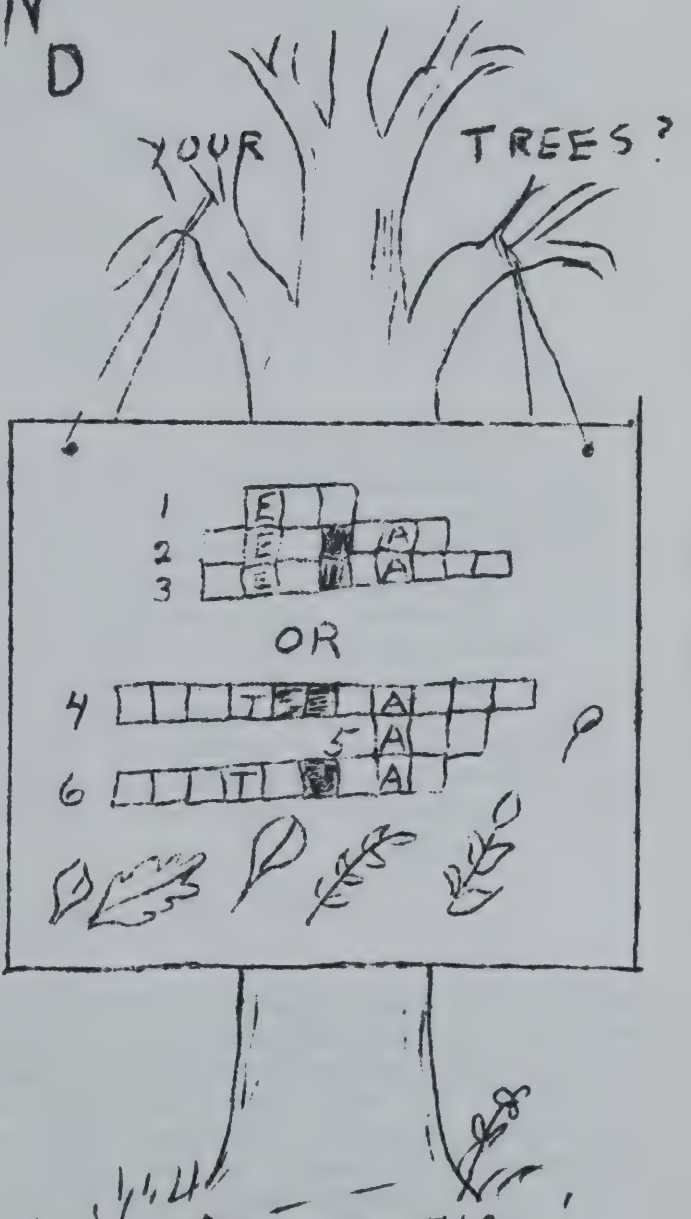
YOUR TREES?



Name trees on the bulletin board.

SEE LAST PAGE FOR ANSWERS.

Contributed by Mrs. John L. Scott from Girl Scout material.

GLEANINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

You will be interested in reading elsewhere in this issue the short article on the influence of soil conservation practices on wild life, by our member Carl Fritzche. Mr. Fritzche is a graduate of Iowa State College at Ames, and is in charge of the very important soil conservation program in twelve counties in North West Iowa.

In this connection, the current March-April Audubon Magazine carries an article, "Waldens for Everyone" telling of a soil conservation program carried out by a farmer on eighty acres in Western New York. He dammed his pasture creek to form an acre pond over some waste ground fenced the cattle out, and planted grass, trees and shrubs on the banks. There was no other artificial introduction of wild life, either plant or animal; but within two years many water plants appeared, including marsh-marigold, duckweed, sedges, stonecrop, cardinal flower, lobelias, and cinnamon fern. One spring morning he found Mallards and Canada Geese swimming there and a pair of the Mallards stayed to nest on the banks. Savannah and Song Sparrows as well as Spotted Sandpipers and Virginia Rails reared their young in the tall grasses around the water. The farm family took a great deal of pleasure in watching the wild life which was an important by-product of the program of soil conservation.

This early spring was unusually favorable for the flowering and fruiting of trees and shrubs. Every lilac and snowball bush was a huge bouquet, every spirea, a foaming fountain. Fruit trees were snowy banks of blossoms. Nature seemed even more prodigal than usual. The green seed disks of elms were packed tight on the twigs and maples hung full of dense clusters of winged seeds. It promised to be a season of remarkable abundance with leaves and fruit coming far ahead of the season. The on May 10th a blanket of wet snow covered everything, melting in the late afternoon. That night the temperature dropped to 27 degrees. Elms and some oaks weathered the freeze, but the leaves of the Hackberry and Catalpa hung limp and blackened. Mulberry leaves look as if they had been cooked and wild grape vines and woodbine seem completely blasted.

Mrs. Althea Moore heard a Dickcissel on April 17th.

In our last issue we mentioned that Dr. Pettingill, one of our screen tour speakers, is a member of a commission for studying the whooping crane, a large bird that is in imminent danger of becoming extinct. The current issue of Outdoor Nebraska says that these birds were seen four times on the Platte River during the present migration season. When most recently observed the flock numbered sixty-eight. This is a remarkable record, as there are believed to be fewer than 100 of the great white cranes left in the world.

By the way, Outdoor Nebraska published quarterly by the Nebraska State Game, Forestation, and Park Commission, is a fine little magazine,

that offers a five year subscription for one dollar. What a fund of interesting and authentic information can be bought for only one dollar in these days when our money buys so little in the shops. Of course, all Iowa nature lovers are subscribers to our own excellent state magazine the Iowa Conservationist.

Monte Lloyd found a Chipping Sparrow's nest containing two eggs in April. Later, there was a Cowbird's egg and both chippies eggs were gone.

Knowing that Mrs. J. A. Dales 14 twenty-fourth street was interested in birds, a neighbor brought her a helpless Cedar Waxwing to care for. As there seemed to be no broken bones, the bird may have been paralyzed as the result of an injury. It lay on its side in a large cage which she had provided and ate currants and pieces of apple from the point of a tooth pick. After ten days it was well enough to hop onto the low perch and later onto the higher one. After about two weeks of care it was let out, but could not fly well enough to be turned loose. It is very restless now, flying about the room and going into its open cage to feed. It spends a great deal of time admiring itself in the buffet mirror, but never fights with its reflection as some more pugnacious birds are said to do. Mrs. Dales enjoys watching the beautiful bird with its lovely soft coloring and red "wax" wing decorations.

Digest of "The Problem of Increased Hunting Pressure on Wild Life," an address by Albert M. Day incoming Director Fish and Wild Life Service at the North American Wildlife Conference, New York City, March 12, 1946.

Our wild game will now face the greatest army of hunters in all history because millions of our boys have learned to use firearms and to live outdoors. A survey showed that seventy per cent of our service men want to hunt. Home folks, too, with cars, gas and ammunition available will again take down their guns. Surprisingly, even during the last year of the war, hunting license sales increased more than 685,000. The sale of duck stamps reported last December was the highest in history. After the last war there was an immediate and a permanent 30% increase in hunting. We predict a fifty per cent increase this time.

During the past two years both Congress and our bureau have been urged to relax the hunting restrictions. We, however, have held the line in order not to be faced with the necessity of tightening up just as the boys come back from the war. But now we may have to do this very thing in order not to cut into the breeding stock of game. How easily we forget the lesson of the dust bowl years when the hunting season and bag limit had to be drastically cut. Now the drought in the Southwest is again bringing dust storms. Our prairie states and the Canadian prairie provinces have been much drier than during the preceding five lush breeding years. In the wet years of 1939 to 1943 the birds really increased, but for the last two seasons they have been dropping in numbers. As the birds increased from thirty million in 1935 to one hundred forty million

in 1943, the public took it for granted that this could go on forever. Certainly the propaganda of "Ducks Unlimited" convinced many hunters that contributions to that organization's fund for building more "duck factories" in their limited area of operation would insure unlimited quantities of ducks.

In spite of all the gripes about "where are the ducks?" in 44 and 45, the kill in many states was heavier than usual. We have overshot our annual increase in the last two years, resulting in a population decline of some twenty million birds. Annual regulations provide the only quick method of controlling hunting pressure. We cannot regulate the weather. Back in the early thirties, regulations rigidly enforced, checked the rapid decline in waterfowl population. The birds were coming back two years before the marsh restoration programs of the American and Canadian governments had much effect and before Ducks Unlimited had even started.

Some one hundred million acres of marsh have been drained in this country in the past fifty years. The Fish and Wild Life Service has spent twenty million dollars in acquiring and restoring three and one-half million acres in the United States mostly in the northern breeding range. The Canadian government has completed over twenty million water restoration projects including major reservoirs, dams and dugouts. I do not have a record of what Ducks Unlimited had done. They report one hundred and fifty five projects. All of this work by all agencies is highly important in inpounding and husbanding the spring run off, and will ease in some measure the shock of the next drought. Nevertheless, the good Lord pretty well determines the success or failure of the waterfowl crop each year. We cannot supply water behind our man-made dams, nor can we influence but little the breeding conditions in those vast wilderness tundras and muskeg regions of northern Canada and Alaska where the bulk of the waterfowl are raised. But we can and should at once improve conditions for the birds during their six months stay in the south where oil exploitation is pushing into the coastal marshes leaving, in many places, only the federal refuges to provide winter feeding and protection. Only fragments of the birds' former wintering grounds can be restored but these are essential. New refuges have been created following the government river empoundments, Tennessee Valley, and other reclamation projects. Three of these have been established in recent weeks and the great Mingo swamp in Missouri is being acquired with Ducj stamp funds. Many others are needed.

Better general understanding is essential as the best efforts of game administrators will fail unless the public co-operates. We need outdoor writers giving accurate and authentic information. Erroneous publicity such as the book, "The Duck came Back, the Story of Ducks Unlimited," and "Quacker Comeback" in McLean's and Readers Digest both by Skip Farrington do a downright disservice to American hunters. This author flatly states that "the quackers owe their comeback to an organization called "Ducks Unlimited." He boasts of its one hundred and fifty-five projects but says not one word of the

twenty million projects of the Canadian Government or the three and one-half million acre waterfowl restoration program in the United States by the Fish and Wild Life Service. Nothing is said of keeping the hunters' kill within annual production nor does he mention the birds' wintering need altho one-half of their lives is spent on southern marshes. He belittles our national refuges for feeding and protecting the birds. In fact he advocates opening the sanctuaries for our returning service men to shoot in. The effect of this publicity is as might be expected:

"Startled surprise and indignation at a hint by the Federal Fish and Wild Life service that reduced bag limits may be put in force." Thus, we, officials charged with administering this resource under terms of treaties with two other great countries and under mandates from congress, are berated and held up to scorn if our findings run counter to Ducks Unlimited propaganda. I know that thousands of earnest members of Ducks Unlimited contribute liberally to its excellent but comparatively limited work of restoring breeding marshes in Canada and its program of teaching the value of suitable habitat. But I say that the ducks come back admittedly, "the conservation miracle of the century," has been accomplished by many agencies aided liberally by the hand of God, and that Ducks Unlimited has contributed only its small share. We need authentic publicity to create better public understanding.

Believing that the cycle of rising waterfowl population has definitely passed, and realizing that heavy take during the down-trend is disasterous, the National Audubon Society is recommending to the Federal Government:

1. Reduction of length of open season from 80 to 30 days.

2. Reduction of bag limit from ten to five birds per day, with possession the same as bag limit.

EXCERPTS

Excerpts from an editorial, "Ducks Unlimited Struts Again" in Nature Magazine for April.

First prize in the Department of Overstatement goes to Skip Farrington Jr. who says: "The quackers owe their comeback to an organization called Ducks Unlimited which since 1938 has boosted the continent's duck population by 500 per cent."

In 1939 and 1940 we called attention to similar exaggerations and misleading statements in the publicity of and about Ducks Unlimited......Ducks Unlimited may well be proud of what it has done. It has no need to resort to the ridiculous claim of having done it all.

In its publicity Ducks Unlimited has also made much of its campaigns against predators, crows, magpies, ground squirrels, northern pike and others. Man has always been the greatest predatory influence so far as migratory waterfowl are concerned, but Ducks Unlimited being made up of and supported by gunners naturally says nothing of this, ignoring also the patent fact that the former tremendous waterfowl populations were developed in the face of these natural checks.

We could laugh off all these extravagant claims were it not for the ulterior motive behind them. The object is to anchor in the public mind the conviction that ducks and geese have been brought back solely by the duck hunters and their money. Therefore, the ducks are their ducks; they are entitled to bigger bags, longer seasons and more privileges.

WATERFOWL AROUND SIOUX CITY

Every spring our Club takes a trip to the low fields along the Missouri River to see one of the greatest bird shows of this country. No where else in the United States do Snow and Blue Geese appear in such large flocks as along the Missouri valley flyway. In spite of the bad weather many of our members went out south of town and found the fields covered with geese. This year the flight was irregular with not more than 200,000 birds here at any one time according to W. W. Trusell, State Conservation Officer. The great flocks of Snows and Blues which come through in the spring are not seen here on their return trip in the fall. The flight of Canada Geese was late, beginning on April 8th and continuing for a week with more birds than usual. Also, there were twice as many Pintail Ducks this year as last and from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent more Mallards. Mr. Trusell points out that as migration routes vary from year to year, the large number of birds here is not necessarily an indication of an unusually abun*dant population this season.

ANNUAL DINNER

Little paper bird houses perched jauntily on miniature poles and tiny ducks and waterlillies floating in small "ponds" gave a festive and spring-like air to the tables at our annual dinner, April first. Don Bushar and Karl Kuhlmann gave a clever little dialogue, "Workers wanted" written by Ruth Sampson, bringing out the value of certain birds as gleaners. Jim Lambert played two piano solos. Little Marilyn, Keith and Maurice Jacques, niece and nephews of Gladys Palmer sang a group of songs. The famous collection of bird song records, made by Dr. Arthur A. Allen and accompanied by his colored slides were presented by Zell C. Lee. Herrold Asmussen gave a talk on his trip to the southwest illustrated by colored slides. It was hard to believe that the great white drifts shown were gypsum "sand" and not snow. He showed the large cacti of Organ Pipe National Monument and

a sleepy little town just across the Mexican border. He also included subjects of local interest, such as a lone swan on Mud Lake, great flocks of geese rising from the Missouri river flats and a disabled pelican near Brown's Lake displayed by Jean Laffoon.

JOINT MEETING WITH ACADAMY OF SCIENCE

The Bird Club and Sioux City Academy of Science joined in a dinner meeting with about one hundred five members present on April 19th. William Ferguson, creator of the syndicated newspaper features, "This Curious World," and "Righterong, by Fergy" showed colored movies taken around his summer home near Estes Park. There was a series of autumn pictures of the gold and red-gold aspen against the dark pines and the blue sky. Insects were photographed at such close range that we could see the bumble bee pollinating the thistle flower. A Black Widow Spider handled with forceps exhibited her red hour glass and a Rocky Mountain Spider Chamelon-like showed clear yellow on a yellow flower.

The reel of animals showed Coneys working above timber line, Richardsons Ground Squirrels, Marmots and weasels. Mr. Ferguson added to our ever increasing fund of beaver lore, by showing a fence post which a beaver had felled but had been unable to carry away because it was still attached to the fence wires.

His bird film included Western chippies, redshafted flickers, pigmy and redbreasted nuthatches, and, sleeping in a corner, a chickadee with ruffled feathers and head under wing. Barnswallows fed insects to their young who were perched on a wire. At a nest under observation Mr. Ferguson found that only the male sapsucker fed the young one season, but the next year the female shared the responsibility. A tiny mother humming bird perched on the edge of her dainty lichen covered nest pumped predigested food down the throats of her babies, with all the enthusiasm of a riveting machine. After pictures of many kinds of trees, Engleman Spruce, Alpine fir Lodge pole Pine, and many deciduous varieties, he showed the hazards which continually endanger their lives. Among the hazards were the peeling the bark where elk put their teeth against the trunks and drag straight up; gir girdling of upper branches and sometimes trunks by porcupines, the lumbering off activities of beavers and the coming of the tourist with his cigarette butts and campfires, and his propensity for hacking initials. At timber line trees three feet high and one hundred and fifty years old showed the ceaseless struggle against wind and storm. Only in the lee of great rocks are the trees able to survive at this altitude. Here every large rock has its dwarfed tree hiding behind it with the top brances the same height as the sheltering rock.

Mr. Ferguson's presentation was unique and friendly, with a rare understanding of his subject matter.

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This was one of the best meetings of the entire year and our Bird Club was happy to have had this meeting with the Academy. All arrangements were made by Zell C. Lee and Dr. T. C. Stephens, general chairmen and the expenses were equally shared by both clubs.

"Soil Conservation and Wild Life"

The bird population of farms and rural communities increases as soil conservation methods develop. The bird club members may be interested in a specific example.

Last summer I had an opportunity to return to Adair County, Iowa for a couple of days. There it was interesting to observe (and satisfactory to me) the results of the varied soil conservation activities which had been put into effect in 1938 to 1940 before I left that area for Sioux City. During the few years which had elapsed the soil program had time to become seasoned or mature.

Inasmuch as a soil conservation program has as one of its main objects the utlizing of each acre of land to its greatest present and future advantage we soil conservationists had planned many "wild life areas" in Adair County. These generally were odd acres or fractional acres of previously waste land--such as gullied or severely eroded spots. These had been planted to trees for woodlots and farm posts, and in all cases had included shrubbery and grass as an attraction for wild life. In addition many of these areas included a pond of an acre to 3 acres in size replacing a previous gully which had been eating its way across the farm. Last summer the trees, shrubbery and grass had several years growth in their fenced-off areas. This growth had done a remarkable job of healing the old wasteful erosion scars.

The pond areas had become beautiful sites. The ponds themselves were stocked with fish. The vegetation surrounding the ponds was abundant with birds and you can guess that eager bird songs were filling the air. It was like stepping into a little vacation world, a real treat and pleasure to a soil conservationist. Waste acres had become useful and valuable again to the whole family on those farms and to the neighbor's kids (young and old). The birds were expressing their appreciation in more ways than one for the improved places to live and multiply. Their bright colorings and songs were one way, another was their constant foraging for insects destructive to crop production. Soil conservation as always, has gone hand in hand with wild life conservation.

Carl R. Fritzsche, Soil Conservationist
In Charge of North-West Iowa

State Convention

This year's meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was held on the Cornell College Campus at Mount Vernon, May 4, 5. Dr. Charles R. Keyes and Mr. David L. Savage who were present at a similar meeting held in the same place 50 years ago, were on the program this year. Among the notable speakers at the meeting were Dr. Errington of Iowa State College, Mr. Flickinger of the State Conservation Commission, and Dr. Musselman of Quincy, Illinois. The field trip Sunday morning is always an interesting feature of the convention. An exhibit of bird painting by three Iowa artists, Miss Althea Sherman, E. W. Steffen of Cedar Rapids, and Maynard F. Reece of Des Moines was one of the attractions this year.

The Book Nook

American Wild Life Illustrated (Wm. H. Wise & Co. Inc.) compiled by the Writers' Program of the W. P. A. of New York City, is called the "only comprehensive and at the same time popular American natural history to be written within the past thirty-five years." It offers the life histories of American Mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes, all in one volume of 750 pages. A great deal of research was done in writing this book, which is carefully indexed and cross indexed for easy reference. Although not an attractive book, it is compact and convenient for looking up matters of casual interest. However, a student or even a serious hobbyist will find it inadequate.

Poison-ivy, Poison-oak, and Poison sumac (Farmers Bulletin No. 1972, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture) is a thorough-going thirty page treatise on the subject. It gives details of the identification of these troublesome plants, and the most effectual means of eradication. Standard methods of treatment for poisoning are given and precautions are suggested. The booklet is illustrated with many photographs and several outline maps showing where the various species are likely to be found. At this season, Bird Club members, who take to the woods, not only at home but when away on vacation, will find this information valuable.

"This Green World" by Rutherford Platt (Dodd Meade).

Even a casual leafing through of this book is a pleasure. The photographs, many of them in color, taken by the author are veritable art treasures. His opening leaf buds and tiny shade tree flowers are exquisite and the composition and structure of his pictures of specimen trees will delight the connoisseur. The author's readable style, his discussions of structure patterns in plants, and his ability to unfold the story of natural growth all contribute toward making "This Green World" a delightful book.

Another book with a title confusingly like the above, was acquired by the public library too late to be read and reviewed in this issue. It is "The Green Earth" by Harold William Rickett (Jaques Cattell Press).

Although not a delux volume like "This Green World" it looks very inviting and bids fair to fulfill the promise of its sub-title, "An Invitation to Botany."

Ann Dorrance-Green Cargoes (Doubleday Doran)

Ann Dorrance in writing this book, covers the search for and the transportation of seeds and plants by man from their original homes to the four corners of the earth. She devotes a great part of the book to the hardships and the manner in which plants and seeds were discovered and how they were transplanted to other parts of the world.

Green Cargoes is an interesting story which I'm sure every one interested in plant life would enjoy.

Roger Tory Peterson is revising his popular field guide to eastern birds.

"The Nature of the Beast" by Ruth Crosby Noble-1945-Doubleday, Doran & Company, Garden City, New York, and New York, New York-is a popular account of animal psychology from the point of view of a naturalist. Her material is based largely on scientific publications, lectures, and notes of her husband, the late G. Kingsley Nobel, Ph. D. of the American Museum of Natural History.

Animals live in a world of their own, governed at times by perceptions more limited than our own, at times by senses unknown to human experiences. With this as a guiding principle, Mrs. Noble describes their world of sensation; their instincts, defined as an "inherited code of conduct"; animal societies; social stratification among animals; pecking orders; territorial claims and property rights during courting and nesting; animals at play; hormone control. Illustrating each phase of animal life discussed are many experiments explained in nontechnical terms.

A person interested in both animals and psychology will find this a fascinating book either to be read as a whole or in part.

Books reviewed are in the Main Sioux City Library. The bulletin is from the Superintendent of Documents U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25 D. C. Single copies are free.

Field Trips Spring of 1946

The Geese Trip scheduled for March 24 could not be made due to unseasonable rainfall on that morning which rendered the roads, to the area where the geese and ducks were, impassable. Elsewhere in the "Gleansing and Observations" Column, W. W. (Walt) Trusell has given a report on

the numbers of migrating waterfowl through this area this spring.

April 14--Riverside, Stone Park, McCook Lake, Mud Lake, Loblolly Lake and the Steve Adams Woods.

Temp. 52-80. High wind at 8 o'clock, light cirrus clouds formed in morning-light rain fell in late afternoon.

Time--8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Birds seen--mourning dove; robin; cardinal; bronzed grackle; cowbird; red-winged blackbird; song sparrow; blue-winged teal; American coot; shoveler; mallard; scaup, lesser; canvas-back duck; pectoral sandpipers; 3 flocks of mixed blue and lesser snow geese (estimated 150 to 200 birds) returning from northerly direction and flying eastward over Mud Lake; towhee (first observation this season on this bird); kinglet, golden-crowned; flicker; American crow; junco; ring-necked pheasant; goldfinch; kingfisher (observed in Union County State Park flying over the lake).

April 28--Homer and Winnebago, Nebraska regions and areas including the Indian Reservation area lying in and among the hills east of Homer and along the Ridge Road. The automobile caravan followed the Ridge Road to the Observation Tower on the Reservation instead of going down on the paved road and it proved to be more interesting and more in keeping with what birders like. Return trip made by way of Crystal Lake, Nebraska.

Temp. 41-69. Clear, light wind.

Birds Seen: blue jay; brown thrasher; cardinal; field sparrow (one of these birds observed in small elm tree by all members of party near the old schoolhouse site on the Ridge Road, making all visible efforts and motions of song but no sound came forth from the throat of the bird. Bird flew away and later we noted what possibly was the same bird again making all efforts and motions of song, but still no sound came forth from the throat. Were the vocal chords affected in some manner? All commented about this. The observation is one that deserves more thought and consideration. quail; goldfinch; house wren; American crow; rose-breasted grosbeak; towhee; white-breasted nuthatch; downy woodpecker; wood thrush; red-tailed hawk; turkey vulture; chickadee; bluebird; marsh hawk; undentified hawk; song sparrow; bronzed grackel; mourning dove; ring-neck pheasant; wood pewee; flicker; blue jay; meadow lark; robin; English sparrow; killdeer; red-winged blackbird; greater yellow-legs; lesser yellow-legs; pectoral sandpiper; semi-palmated plover; white-rumped sandpiper.

May 5--Scouting Trip made to Nestor L. Stiles, wildlife preserve along the Little Sioux River on invitation of Mr. Stiles and made by four members and two guests of the Sioux City Bird Club in the afternoon.

Temp. 38-69. Partially cloudy.

Birds seen--bronze grackle; robin; red-winged blackbird; starling; crow; white-throated sparrow; goldfinch; great blue heron; red-headed woodpecker;

downy woodpecker; flicker; lesser scaup; shovellers; bob-o-link; field sparrow; Harris's sparrow.

May 12--Fourth Annual Iowa May Bird Count.

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Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa--Brower's Lake, Brown's Lake, Logan Park Cemetery, Memorial Park Cemetery, Dr. Clyde R. Griffen's "Woods", War Eagle Park, South Ravine, Stone Park, Plum Creek area, New Lake, Railroad Slough 5 miles from Sergeant Bluff, Residential District Westside--Time: 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M., Distance covered, 264 car miles total for all parties, total foot miles, 60--weather, partially overcast in morning from 9:00 A. M. to 11:00, remainder of day clear and bright--wind, 20-25 m.p.h. N. W., Temp. 28-63. Pied-billed grebe, 5; white pelican, 12; double-crested cormorant, 6; great blue heron, 12; green heron, 5; black-crowned night heron, 4; common mallard, 4; baldpate, 6; Am. pintail, 12; blue-winged teal, 75; shoveller, 22; lesser scaup duck, 2; ruddy duck, 6; red-tailed hawk, 3; marsh hawk, 10; prairie falcon, 1; sparrow hawk, 7; bob-white, 2; ring-necked pheasant, 24; Am. coot, 128; semi-palmated plover, 7; killdeer, 9; spotted sandpiper, 6; E. solitary sandpiper, 5; greater yellow-legs, 7; lesser yelloe-legs, 40; pectoral sandpiper, 10; white-rumped sandpiper, 4; least sandpiper, 45; semipalmated sandpiper, 11; buff-breasted sandpiper, 1; Wilson's phalerope, 11; Franklin's gull, 12; black tern, 1; rock dove, 75; mourning dove, 161; shimney swift; 19; ruby-throated hummingbird, 1; E. balted kingfisher, 3; yellow-shafted flicker, 31; red-headed woodpecker, 52; hairy woodpecker, 9; downy woodpecker, 11; common kingbird, 17; Arkansas kingbird, 5; crested flycatcher, 2; phoebe, 6; wood pewee, 4; tree swallow, 18; bank swallow, 12; rogh-winged swallow, 34; barn swallow, 52; purple martin, 19; blue jay, 86; Am. crow, 45; black-capped chickadee, 109; white-breasted nuthatch, 11; brown creeper, 1; house wren, 53; prairie marsh wren, 1; catbird, 8; brown thrasher, 77; robin, 175 (e.); wood thrush, 8; hermit thrush, 2; olive-backed thrush, 22; gray-cheeked thrush, 18; willow thrush, 77; bluebird, 3; starling, 95; Philadelphia vireo, 3 (Wellhausen); warbling vireo, 5; Tennessee warbler, 1; orange-crowned warbler, 1; Nashville warbler, 1; yellow warbler, 13; Myrtle warbler, 35; black-pell warbler, 1; Grinnell's water-thrush, 3; northern yellow-throat, 3; English sparrow, 306; western meadowlark, 63; yellow-headed blackbird, 500, E; red-wing blackbird, 1700 (E.); orchard oriole, 8; Baltimore oriole, 24; Brewer's blackbird (Brower and Sampson); 30 (E.) ; bronzed grackle, 167; cowbird, 110; scarlet tanager, 3; cardinal, 41; rose-breasted grosbeck, 83; dickcissel, 25; pine siskin, 156 (E.); goldfinch, 44; red-eyed towhee, 10; Savannah sparrow, 20; clay-colored sparrow, 34; field sparrow, 20; Harris's sparrow, 116; white-crowned sparrow, 6; white-throated sparrow, 10; Fox sparrow, 1; Lincoln's sparrow, 1; song sparrow, 16; - Edna Brower, Don Bushar, Brice Clayton, Ralph Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hissong, Jean L. Laffoon, Karl Kuhlmann, Zell C. Lee, H. T. Lambert, Adaline T. Lambert, Mary Lambert, H. B. Lloyd, Monte B. Lloyd, Elliott Lloyd, Nick Margeas, Dr. J. L. Schott, Julia Schott, Ruth Sampson, W. W. Trussell, Carl Wellhausen (21 members in 9 parties, Sioux City Bird Club) May 12, 1946.

Compiled by Zell C. Lee - Total Species 109 - 5421 Individuals.

May 19--To the Nestor L. Stiles Aurelia Meadow Wildlife Preserve by invitation of Mr. Stiles via Holstein on 20 and north on 59 to Cherokee, Iowa and east on 5 to Aurelia, Iowa.

Temp. 46-65. Caravan of 9 automobiles, members and guests. Weather clear and cumulus clouds intermittently--wind 30 to 35 m.p.h.

Birds seen enroute and at preserve--dickcissel; bronzed grackle; red-winged blackbird; meadowlark; red-headed woodpeckers; rose-breasted grosbeak; goldfinch; black tern; unidentified shore birds in field; robin; common kingbird; bluejay; Harris's sparrow; English sparrow; mourning dove; Am. crow; ring-neck pheasant; Marsh hawk; red-tailed hawk; yellow warbler; cowbird; chimney swift; red-headed woodpecker; chipping sparrow; Northern yellow throat; migrant shrike; black-crowned night heron; bob-o-link; Franklin gull; flicker yellow shafted; chickadee; brown thrasher; goldfinch; pectoral sandpiper; house wren; wood pewee; yellow warbler; sooty tern; blue-winged teal; cardinal; crested flycatcher; least flycatcher; catbird; Savannah sparrow; willow thrush; barn swallow; Baltimore oriole.

The knowledge that we were standing on virgin prairie that had never been plowed or pastured and had been cut for hay only late in the season after the frost had dropped all seeds brought home the significance to your writer that we were standing on hallowed ground and that we should take the "shoes from off our feet." There are so few pieces of land left intact as this has been left. Our host, Mr. Nestor L. Stiles has preserved this spot well. It is of great value to those who are interested in the beauty of our land and in the habitat of wildlife as it was originally here when man came to the prairies. Many botanists of renown among them Dr. L. H. Pammel, and many ornithologists have visited this Aurelia Meadow. The bob-o-links were observed perched on the meadow reeds, in full song and also singing on the wing. How thrilling it was to see these beautiful birds! There were many of the lovely little northern yellow throats in full song, with their very sweet "wichity-wichity-wichity" notes on the morning air. Your writer counted 13 of these yellow throats. The wildflowers were many and varied. One could not step in any spot without the realization that beneath one's feet plants were growing as they had grown for centuries.

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Birds:
Swallow

Hawk or Lark

Tanager

Starling

Martin or Falcon

jay

sparrow

Trees:

Elm

Red Oak

Red Maple

Soft Maple

Ash

White Oak

Notice of Annual Meeting for the year of 1945 - 46 will be given later to all members.

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"THE SEA"

There is pleasure in the pathless woods,
There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is society where none intrudes
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but nature more,
From these our interviews, in which I steal
From all I may be, or have been before
To mingle with the universe, and feel
What I can ne'er express, yet cannot all conceal.

By Lord Byron

From "Childe Harold"

(Editorial)

THE SMALL MUSEUM

When we traveled through southwestern Nebraska a few years ago I was much impressed by the people's interest and pride in the early history of their state, and also in the prehistoric life revealed by the fossils which have been found there. In a great many of these small towns are people who are thoroughly interested in local history or archeology or both and they do something about it. They go out and excavate and collect all sorts of interesting artifacts and then establish a museum. In Cambridge, Nebraska, is a very fine small museum, maintained by the town, and containing considerable truly valuable material. Stockville, Nebraska, a county seat town of one hundred and eighty-five population, has a private museum owned by a man who is a real collector. The Franklin County (Nebraska) Fair opens each year with a pageant reenacting the early history of the county. In one small town the white-capped man, who served our dinner at the restaurant, -was an amateur archeologist whose research work has been recognized by university professors.

I never tire of the highway markers with the picture of the ox-drawn covered wagon just rounding the crest of a hill. It is artistic, interesting and admirably suited to Nebraska with its old Oregon Trail traditions.

High in the Black Hills, one mile high to be exact, in the little town of Custer, South Dakota, is the oldest standing building in the Hills, a log cabin with the adz marks, showing on the square logs. Built by soldiers in 1875, it was recently moved to a small park at the end of the main street, and donated to the town, together with the park and fine collections which it houses, by Henry E. Way. It is known as the Way Museum.

By the way, have you visited our own museum lately? Located on the second floor of the Main Public Library, it is a very interesting place to spend an afternoon. It isn't so large that it makes your feet hurt just to think about going through it. Ornithologists will like the cases of mounted birds, all of them taken in this vicinity. There is an unique oriole's nest interwoven with a great deal of copper wire, so fine that the bird apparently mistook it for horsehair. A big stuffed crane is the very bird which was banded and released in Stone Park, and was later taken in Africa and returned to Mr. Talbot, who banded it here. Mrs. Smith, who has charge of the museum, is very accomodating and acts as a gracious hostess to visitors. She says she would welcome additions to the bird nest display. This museum was founded, and many of the collections made, by the Sioux City Academy of Science and Arts, over forty years ago.

Adaline T. Lambert

"IOWA LAKESIDE LABORATORY"

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At the Editor's request I am glad to write a few words about the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory on Lake Okoboji. This institution was established in 1909 by the late President T. H. MacBride. At that time various courses in natural history were taught, and undergraduates were enrolled. In 1918 the Laboratory became chiefly a graduate institution, and since then has been operated by the State University of Iowa as an adjunct to the Graduate College. At the present time two graduate courses are offered; one is called Field Biology, while the other is Protozoology. For the most part of these courses are taken by graduate students, though advanced undergraduates would probably be admitted if recommended by their biology professor. The course in Field Biology covers a pretty wide range, and doubtless varies a good deal in content from year to year, depending much on the personnel of the teaching staff and other circumstances. It includes both botany and zoology.

The Laboratory is a great place to spend a summer, though those in attendance work hard to earn their credits. But there is enough free time for recreation, and some find their recreation in their work. The session is usually composed of two terms of five weeks each, though investigators may come in for shorter periods.

Some detailed studies on birds have been made at this Laboratory in past years. Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, when a student here in 1911, carried out a nest-side study of the Brown Thrasher. A similar study of the Yellow Warbler was made by Harry Bigglestone in 1912. Both papers were published in the Wilson Bulletin. A nest-side study of the Maryland Yellow-throat was made by Nelle M. Shaver, and published in the Natural History Studies of the State University. These papers were favorably reviewed and have been quoted in Authoritative literature. Perhaps it should be explained that the term "nest-side", as used here, means that the nest and birds were under observation from the time they became active in the morning (about four o'clock) until they became inactive in the evening (about eight o'clock). Elaborate notes were made minute by minute of the bird's activities. More recently a paper by F. G. Schrantz on the Yellow Warbler was published in The Auk for 1943. In 1940 Dr. S. Charles Kendeigh carried on a study of the Yellow Warbler which determined and mapped the territories of 15 pairs of Yellow Warblers--most of them contiguous and all on Laboratory property. Altogether 34 Yellow Warbler nests were found that season "around the laboratory grounds," though not all of these were studied. The little Yellow Warbler has almost become a mascot in ornithological work at this laboratory.

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"SOME BIRDS TO WATCH FOR AROUND SIOUX CITY"

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Mr. William Youngworth's discovery of the Artic Towhee' presence in Iowa is an excellent illustration of the fact that a bird may occur in an area fairly regularly without notice until an alert observer points it out. This species may be looked for during the migration seasons. It is very similar to the more common Red-eyed Towhee, but differs in the amount of white on the wing and back.

The Lark Bunting is another western species that is probably more common around Sioux City than records indicate. The male is easily recognized by the white wing bars on an otherwise all black bird.

The Western Blue Grosbeak has been seen a few times in rural areas around Sioux City. Its coloration and large beak are distinctive.

Trips to "Big Bear Canyon" and "Blackbird Hill" near Winnebago, Nebraska, are quite likely to produce records of several birds seldom seen at Sioux City, especially the Turkey Vulture, Cedar Waxwing and Cliff Swallow.

It is the "hunch" of the writer that careful field investigation would show that the Rock Wren is a fairly common resident on the barren "loess" hills bordering the Missouri Valley, such as may be seen along Highway 141 south of Sioux City.

The winter observer should always closely observe the "whiskers" of Flickers, as a fair percentage of Flickers seen during the winter will be the Red-shafted species which spends the summer in the west. The salmon color under the wings is also distinctive for this form.

While driving by pastures around Sioux City, the bird-seeker would do well to watch for the Burrowing Owl, as there have been several records of this species from our part of the state.

When any of the species mentioned are seen, the identification should be closely checked with Peterson's field guide, and a record made of the place, date and observer, as more published records are needed for several of them.

Jean L. Laffoon

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Ames, Iowa.

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BIG ORNITHOLOGY CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN OMAHA

The Wilson Ornithological Club and the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union have announced plans to hold a joint convention in Omaha, Nebraska, on November 29 and 30. This meeting should be of great interest to Sioux City bird students, as some of America's leading ornithologists will be there to give lectures and to show their colored movies of birds. As visitors are always welcome, it is hoped that many of our members will attend.

Dr. R. Allyn Moser, President of the Nebraska Ornithologists Union has sent out the following communication under date of October 23: The Nebraska Ornithologists' Union wishes to share with the Iowa Ornithologists Union the distinct privilege of meeting with the Wilson Ornithological Club for their 1946 meeting in Omaha, Nov. 28-30.

This gives us the unusual opportunity to meet and hear the nation's outstanding ornithologists. In connection with this meeting there will also be an exhibit of Bird Paintings by contemporary artists, with a special section devoted to those artists that were in Service.

Registration and sessions for presentation of papers and the showing of motion pictures on Friday and Saturday will be at the Joslyn Memorial.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Hotel Fontenelle, Friday. evening.

Further word from Dr. Moser makes this request that those who may wish to attend should make their hotel reservations as soon as possible either at the Hotel Fontenelle or Hotel Conant-Sanford and stating that you are attending the Wilson Ornithological Club Meeting.

Dr. Moser has extended an invitation to the entire Sioux City Bird Club to attend this meeting.

All meetings and presentations will be held at Josyln Memorial.

"AURELIA MEADOW"

Cherokee, Iowa
May 21, 1946

The area visited Sunday morning, May 19, 1946 by members of the Sioux City Bird Club, has the legal description of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section Sixteen, Township Niney-one of Range Thirty-nine, West of the 5th Principal Meridian - this being Pitcher Township, Cherokee County, Iowa. It lies southwest of the cemetery of the town of Aurelia, Iowa.

This small area of virgin prairie has a fortunate history and has been known to botanists for many years as it happens to unite into one area, the four types of prairie, --- the eastern black land, the outliers of the western types, as well as both highland and lowland plants. It has never been pastured and only cut for hay late in the fall after freezing weather has dropped the seeds of all plants, it still retains the aspect of the original climax prairie. This absence of disturbance has also had the interesting result of retaining here the traditional birds that originally made their homes and habitat there, this also being true of the insect life to some extent as for instance the various kinds of bees.

How this preservation came about deserves a word. The first owner, my grandfather, a man in comfortable circumstances, left the old Nutmeg State in 1855 for several reasons, among which was the incentive to escape the asthma with which he was bothered there. In this, he succeeded, as rag weed was not yet an inhabitant of Iowa. He crossed Iowa on foot from Davenport to Sioux City in that year, studying the country, and decided that it was still too wild to provide proper facilities for his family. He therefore settled in Clayton County to await the opening of his selected future home by the railroads. The Civil War intervened and it was not until 1868, when what is now the Illinois Central Railroad was projected, that he came to Cherokee planning to secure his choice of lands before the rush, that he felt would follow, as it did in the seventies. He was one of the first men to have faith in the open prairie as most of the early settlers took up land along the river on account of wood and water. He acquired about a section of land in three locations, only a small tract of 19 acres being on the river, this being his wood lot. This is still in good condition today as he farmed it for the timber rather than "clearing" it as did most of the settlers. He also, after considerable thought, acquired the Aurelia Meadow which was classified as swamp land and was obtained at what he considered as a price, far below its true value and he then made the statement to his family that he wanted to preserve one piece of the prairie as God made it and he requested the family to keep it as unsullied as possible.

It is remarkable to note that when their native homes were so largely destroyed, that the bob-o-links practically left Iowa, that they continued to come back to this Aurelia Meadow year after year, as did the Northern yellow throats, and the burrowing owls and other birds. Biologically, it is a very interesting study in survivals and balance including the moles and shrews, which some of the party saw, the newts and salamanders, the kangaroo mice, the bumble bees and saw flies, etc.,etc.

I have been visiting this Meadow for fifty years and have never yet failed to find something new, to me, at least. (Credit for the first identification of the N. yellow throats should go to Judge O.S. Thomas, of Rock Rapids.

/s/ N. L. Stiles

NOTE:

This is a copy of the original "screed" as written by Mr. Nestor L. Stiles and dated May 21, 1946, to be published in the "Dickcissel" Official Publication of the Sioux City Bird Club, following the interesting field trip made by club members and a few guests in a caravan of nine automobiles on May 19, 1946). The Sioux City Bird Club had been invited to make this trip by Mr. Stiles. A previous scouting trip was made on May 5 by four members and two guests, this trip also on the invitation of Mr. N. L. Stiles. (Z. C. Lee)

PERSONALS

Of interest to Bird Club members are marriages of two of our active and faithful members of long standing, Herrold Asmussen and Jean L. Laffoon,

Jensen-Asmussen Wedding.
On July 18, at Empire, California, Virginia Jensen and Herrold Asmussen were united in marriage.
Mrs. Asmussen is employed in a managerial position at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.
Herrold Asmussen continues as biology instructor and coach at Central High School.

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Hemmingson-Laffoon Wedding.
On June 2 at the Fjeldberg Lutheran Church at Huxley, Iowa, Esther Jayne Hemmingson and Jean L. Laffoon were united in marriage.
Mrs. Laffoon attended Waldorf College, Forrest City two years and is a registered nurse, having graduated from the Lutheran Deaconess School of Nursing at Chicago, Illinois. She was also a nurse at the Veterans Administration in Des Moines.
Jean L. Laffoon is a graduate of Morningside College and was a graduate student at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor prior to entering the U. S. Navy. He served in the Navy three years, spending two and one-half years overseas with a Research Medical Unit. He is now part time instructor at the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, while working for his Master's Degree. The Bird Club extends its best wishes for happiness to these four young people.

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Walter W. Trusell, 4906 Morningside Avenue, another of our active and helpful members of long standing, has been appointed state supervisor of predatory animal control with headquarters here in Sioux City, the State Conservation Commission announced this summer.
Trusell, a State Conservation officer, will take over duties including the control of bird and animal populations in areas and at times where such control of deemed advisable, the commission announced.

He will be in charge of all state trapping operations where nuisance removals are necessary, the commission stated. Because of wide-spread complaints of beaver damage, particularly in northwest Iowa, the commission for the last few years has employed from two to five professional trappers to relieve "critical pressure".
For the most part, nuisance animals are removed during the winter season when pelts are prime and where the sales value will help offset expense. Removal of nuisance beaver during the past several seasons has totaled from 200 to 400 animals each year, and in addition many muskrats, fox, wolves, raccoon and other animals have been taken by state trappers after complaint by land owners.

Congratulations and best wishes to you, Walt, from the Bird Club, in your new work.

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FIELD TRIP

To Preparation Canyon, May 30, in Moorhead State Park, near Moorhead, Iowa, Monona County.

Temp. 56-75, weather partially clear in A.M., clearing in P.M.
Wind 30 - to 35 m. p. h. in A. M. diminishing to 10 to 15 m. p. h. in P.M.

Birds observed - least tern, robin, brown thrasher, dickcissel (their song filled the air continuously during the trip, indicating a large number of birds this season), blue jay, red-winged blackbird, mourning dove, red-headed woodpecker, bronzed grackle, meadow lark; starling, common kingbird, cowbird, field sparrow, red-tailed hawk, house wren, cardinal, catbird, Arkansas kingbird, wood pewee, crested flycatcher, Indigo bunting, redstart, marsh hawk, yellow warbler, warbling vireo, hairy woodpecker, downy woodpecker, bluebird, chickadee, turkey vulture, semi-palmated plover, orchard oriole; rose-breasted grosbeak, wood-thrush, crow, kill-deer, black-billed cuckoo; English sparrow, least flycatcher, - 40 species.

Members and quests of the Sioux City Bird Club making the trip were, Bertha and Carl Wellhausen, Mayme Yahr, Monte B. Lloyd, Patricia Parker, Ethel Hackett, Herrold Asmussen, Virginia Jensen, Mr. Hulst and his son, Orin Hulst, and Zell C. Lee.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Barrett and friends made a trip to Okoboji and Spirit Lake regions on May 30 and could not accompany members of the club to Preparation Canyon, but Mr. Barrett turned in the following list of Birds seen for the day in Okoboji and Spirit Lake area where they were -- phoebe, flicker, common kingbird, Arkansas kingbird, robin, black tern, grey tern, goldfinch, red-wing blackbird, bronzed grackle, brown thrasher, coot, meadow lark, blue jay, cat bird, mourning dove, cow bird, kingfisher, barn swallow, bank swallow, red-headed woodpecker, house wren, yellow warbler, Baltimore oriole, blue-winged teal, rusty blackbird, sparrow hawk, pheasant, dickcissel, killdeer, pied-billed grebe warbling vireo, orchard oriole, downy woodpecker, crow- (34 species).

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CLEANINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

Concluding chapter in the story of the injured cedar waxwing (first part of the story appeared in the Spring Number of the "DICKCISSEL" in the cleanings and Observations column on page 8.)

After ten days of lying on its side, slithering along on the bottom of the cage to eat and drink, it was able to sit on its rump. A day or so later I discovered it on the lower perch, then it finally attained the higher perch. At this point it seemed the bird was ready to be released. I called Miss Lee to come and see the bird. She held it in her hand to study its plumage. She also held a pine siskin which I had trapped for her benefit that same afternoon.

The next day I released the cedar waxwing but found it did not have strength to rise. It fluttered to the ground. It was brought back and given the freedom of the house for another ten days to gain strength of wing. Instinct seemed to tell it that its mates had moved on. It showed pining and restlessness and did not eat. It would feed when offered tidbits of apples, raisins and meat on a tooth pick.

When it seemed strong of wing, I again released it. This time it flew to the top of an apple tree to a sunny spot, where it preened itself for a half-hour while I watched. Other duties called me, and when I went out again it was gone.

---- Marie Dales ----

In March of this Spring of 1946 Mrs. C. F. Berkstresser, 3939 6th Ave. reported a flock of 25 to 30 cedar waxwings feeding on the berries on the high-bush cranberries in their yard. The birds remained until all the berries were eaten.

On April 9, Mrs. H. G. Williges, 2016 Summit St,, reported a flock of some 20 to 30 cedar waxwings feeding on their Japanese barberry bushes, in their back yard. The birds remained until all berries were eaten.

On April 12, of this Spring, Mrs, J. L. Schott called your observer at about 1:15 P.M. to report a large flock of some 50 to 60 birds feeding on the Japanese barberry bushes and trees in their yard at 2910 Nebraska Street. Your observer boarded the next street car and the lunch sack went along to the Schott home where Mrs. Schott served a cup of delicious tea after the birds identified as cedar wazwings, were observed feeding on the Schott shrubbery and on the near-by trees as well. This was a thrilling experience and served to convince your observer that a larger number of waxwings migrated through this area this spring than during the past three like seasons.

Zell C. Lee

On July 27, 1946, R. A. Lynn, 47 McCook Lake, South Dakota, called the writer to report a number of large white birds had been observed during

the week of July 21 to 27 on the far west end of the north arm of Mud Lake. Some boys had told him about "the large white birds" they had seen. Mr. Lynn reported them as egrets.

That afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hissong and the writer packed picnic supper and drove around by Mud Lake and Loblolly enroute to Stone Park for the picnic supper, after observations had been taken on Mr. Lynn's report.

It was a clear lovely afternoon, warm, and with only a few cumulus clouds floating lazily in the sky. A blue haze hung over the distant hills. Water was very low in the lake area.

Two large white birds were observed standing in the water on the far side of the water body. A car drove by and caused the two birds to arise and fly westward to the marshy cat-tail and sedge area. We drove farther due west to the area where the two birds were seen to alight. Several birds were observed standing in the water on the side of the water body about 25 feet from the road. We used our 6 x 30 and 7 x 50 binoculars and the birds were definitely identified to be American egrets. Light was very good and all field marks were clearly visible as to bills, legs, plumage. Mr. Hissong took some pictures. Later the birds arose and flew eastward to an open space among the cattails. In a short time they again arose and flew to open area on the water near the remains of an old duck blind on the farther side of the body of water. We carefully counted the birds and found there were eleven of the American egrets. We took several pictures from various positions along the shore.
Birds were observed feeding in the water. As they would move they lifted their long legs and feet out of the water at each step. While preening themselves, four of the egrets were seen to appear rather frolicsome. Two birds would jump straight upward together into the air, clearing the water and spreading and using their lovely white wings as they did so. As the birds went through this motion of arising out of the water they seemed to give forth an odd throaty note which seemed to be more of a croak. Then again they seemed to give forth this same note after they had alighted again in the water from their leap into the air. Two birds from this group of eleven seemed prone to wander away from the rest of the group. We watched the birds for more than two hours, under good light conditions. The writer counts the observation a very thrilling one. Another observation on the American egret in this area was made by the writer and Mrs. Doris (Anfinson) Cory on May 16, 1943 at about 5:00 P.M. on the far end of McCook Lake. This observation was made on one lone bird for more than 30 minutes in good light as the sun was at our backs and made the conditions just right. The temperature at the time of this second observation was 50 degrees as indicated from the writer's records.
Other observations for the afternoon and evening in the Mud Lake, and Loblolly and Stone Park area were as follows:
Mud Lake and Loblolly--
5 pied billed grebes, 70 to 75 estimated kill-deers, 30 to 35 estimated lesser yellow legs, 5 pectoral sandpipers, red-wing blackbirds (adult males, females and one year male birds) about 50 estimated, 15 yellow-headed blackbirds, black terns, 75 estimated, (some of these terns, were obsserved perched on an old fence post in water and made a lovely picture against the background of cattails), a large flock of unidentified small sandpipers, 1 warbling vireo, 2 catbirds, 1 common kingbird, 1 Arkansas kingbird, 50 to 60 Brewer's blackbirds (the writer checked head colorations of the males, color of eyes of females as the light was perfect and carefully observed them through 7 x 50 binoculars).

Stone Park at Indian Lake vicinity - goldfinch, 3; wood thrush, 3 in song; chickadee, 4; blue jay, 2; common kingbird, 1; Arkansas kingbird, 1; red-headed woodpecker, 1.

We left Stone Park for home at 9:00 o'clock P. M.

Zell C. Lee

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AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS AGAIN THIS SEASON.

Fall Issue will follow this issue and carry the story of the First Tour, "Down along the Suawanee" by Allan D. Cruickshank.

JOHN H. STORER WILL PRESENT THE SECOND TOUR, "WINGS, FINS, AND ANTLERS" on NOVEMBER 19, Consult your Programs.

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THE BLACKHILLS AND BIRDS

There is nothing much more derogatory to be said of a farm than that the soil is covered with rocks. I remember when I was little that I was much impressed by hearing of a place where "the land was so poor that the farmers had to sharpen the noses of the sheep so that they could feed between the rocks." Even the Bible speaks hopelessly of the seed that fell on stony ground. And yet when we forget agricultural uses and look for a beautiful vacation spot, we are likely to find ourselves choosing rocky places.

There are few spots in America more beautiful than the Black Hills of South Dakota. Here eroded walls of rock form stately cathedral spires; small streams cascade over jutting rock shelves and around huge tumbled boulders; and solid granite peaks and domes, such as Mount Rushmore, loom high above the pine forests. It is a rock hobbyist's paradise. Probably he will find more different varieties and forms of stones and minerals in these South Dakota mountains than in any other single area in the United States. The collector can even pan gold for a price.

The first time we visited this region, we bemoaned the dearth of bird life. Now I believe the fault was in our method of approach. We drove around the main traveled loop, admiring the reflections of the rock colonnades in Sylvan Lake, and marvelled at the tall, pointed columns lining Needles Highway. At Rushmore Memorial we took a dime's worth of look at the faces through the big telescope mounted on the observation platform. We spent a few minutes in a rock shop where we bought a "hunk" of rose quartz because it was pretty. We clambered up on picturesque boulders for family snapshots. In Deadwood we looked at Calamity Jane's grave and the defaced statue of Wild Bill Hickok, and at Deadwood Dick's leather pants. We glanced at the famous Homestake goldmine from outside - no time to go in. Then we took off for the Powder River Range and the Rocky Mountain National Park and points west, having "done" the Black Hills in a day and one-half. No wonder we did not notice any birds. The only wild life we really observed was a herd of buffaloes which mosied across the highway in front of our car and halted the onrush of sight-seeing for a moment or two.

How different our visit of last summer! In the first place, largely due to the tire shortage, we were not going somewhere else. We spent ten lazy days in a log cabin in a wild little valley, a mile from the nearest neighbor. The boys read whole books on minerals, and spent hours in a rock shop observing, comparing and absorbing geological lore. We could always hear bird songs. Even in the night, when the deer grazed quietly along the little creek in front of the cabin, we heard the rhythmic call of the poor will from the edge of the woods. Trim little cinnamon capped chipping sparrows were everywhere. The song of this smallest of sparrows is singularly monotonous and lacking in melody, sounding like a well oiled sewing machine. But the chippy, his head thrown back and his whole body vibrating, pours forth the song with such enthusiasm that he must consider it the most beautiful of music. After all, who are we to judge?

A northern yellow-throat sang daily near the grass-grown ruins of a small wooden dam in front of the cabin. He and his mate made frequent trips in among the grass with food. We never saw the nest but one day a young bird appeared and devoted his undivided attention to maintaining his balance on a twig. Another pair of yellow-throats seemed to be nesting farther up the stream.

While we were exploring near the crest of a hill, a night hawk fluttered along the ground just ahead of us as if in great distress. We found her nest,

if such it could be called. There was not even a depression in the thick carpet of pine needles for the two eggs, nor was it close to anything which might serve as a land mark, although a small fallen pine and some rocks were a few feet away in different directions. The gray eggs, thickly mottled with light brown, were hard to find, even though they were out in the open. When we found the eggs, the bird quit pretending to be hurt, and settling on a log, tried to frighten us away. She repeatedly opened her beak so wide that her head seemed nothing but a gaping mouth, and then closed it with a loud click. Finally she flew at us, showing broad white wing bands.

A chickadee just across the creek took our intrusion into her domestic affairs far more easily. We had seen her frequently disappear into a hole in a tall splintered stump. When we tapped she came out and sat very quietly on a nearby oak while we tried to get up high enough to peak into her doorway. We admired her unruffled dignity - so different from the fidgety, noisy little chickadee of the winter time.

Walking along an abandoned road, we heard an insistent clamoring of a nest full of baby birds. They did not "boil" like young flickers, but were equally noisy. A handsome male yellow-bellied sapsucker, carrying an insect in his mouth, showed us where the nestlings were, when he flew into a neat round hole in the trunk of a live birch. The opening, about four feet only from the ground, was the first nesting hole we had seen excavated in living wood. He fed the family several times while we watched. There were several robins' mud-plastered homes in the valley, and a red-winged blackbird's cradle of reeds containing four eggs was found by the children while swimming. Bob found a junco's nest with two young birds. In a crack beside the chimney of the country store, a nestfull of hungry bluebirds kept their parents busy.

Bluejays were busy among the trees all day, but we never saw their nests. I always like to hear that round-noted musical call of the jay,which seems to require that he pump his whole body up and down energetically. The concerts of the song sparrows in our front yard meadow were a never ending delight. Their lovely songs had a number of variations usually beginning with two or three short notes, "sweet, sweet", but sometimes launching at once into a long trill.

One late afternoon we lay in the grass watching a pine siskin tearing a thistle-head to pieces. Later, we were unable to find a single seed which the bird had overlooked among the scattered fluffs. In the early morning we listened to the song of the Audubon Warbler as he sat high in a tall clump of trees, which caught the first sunlight coming into the valley. He had a very simple song which did not vary once during many repetitions.

Both red-shafted and yellow-shafted flickers were abundant. The wings and tails of the red-shafted flicker show a glowing salmon color against the sky. One day a western tanager sat on a dead branch and waited for our whole family to come to admire his coloring, which is so gorgeous that it suggests the tropics rather than South Dakota. The cherry red of the head shades through orange into yellow on the neck and breast. The black velvet back and wings are marked by a large yellow rump patch, and yellow and white wing bars. Kingfishers and killdeers visited the dam which the boys built. A magpie, Canada jays, cliff swallows,vireos, and, of course, the ever present mourning doves, kingbirds and meadowlarks all helped to make our vacation delightful and convinced us that there are plenty of birds in the Blackhills for the unhurried observer to enjoy

Adaline Train Lambert

TRIBUTE TO LUTHER LAFFOON

The members of the Sioux City Bird Club mourn the passing of J. L. Laffoon, in the early fall of this year.

Mr. Laffoon, who came here from Missouri about thirty-one years ago, was a man of many worth-while interests. For years he took part in the sports program of the Riverside Boat Club. He was an enthusiastic golfer, and at one time was the Riverside City Tennis Champion. His delight in fishing, Mrs. Laffoon recalls, dates back to the times in the early years of their marriage, when he brought home whole barrels of fish.

Six weeks after they were married he entered the first World War. He was impressed with the futility of war, and was an earnest advocate of international peace.

Always a tireless worker in the interest of conservation, he enjoyed the activities of the Izaak Walton League of which he was a member. Following the interests of his children, like the good father that he was, he attended a Sioux City Bird Club meeting with his son Jean. He soon became a very active and dependable member.

We will all miss his willingness to assume responsibility and his friendly way of making even newcomers feel very welcome and at home in our club.

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A. T L.

At the Annual Meeting held on November 22 at the Art Center all of the present officers were reelected.

President	Zell C. Lee
Vice-President	Dr. John L. Schott
Treasurer	R. D. Hissong
Secretary	Ruth Sampson

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The Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

Dr. T. C. Stephens, Chairman
A. H. Schatz
Herrold Asmussen

These officers have very efficiently handled the expanding work of our club.

When Miss Lee became president in 1941, our organization was comparatively small, numbering about 60 members. Under her enthusiastic leadership the club introduced the Audubon Screen Tours in Sioux City. As the people attending these Tours became acquainted with the activities of the club, the membership grew rapidly, until now we number approximately 150 Active Members and approximately 265 Associate Members.

It required courage and careful planning to inaugurate this new program and its growing popularity is a source of satisfaction and pride to all our members.

An increasing interest in bird study in Sioux City is shown by many scout troops organizing Junior Audubon Clubs and many Junior Audubon Clubs have been organized in the Sioux City Public Schools.

Many of the new members are joining in the delightful work of the Christmas and the May Bird Counts.

A. T. L.

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Armour, W. J.	515-29th Street	7-1524
Assmussen, Mrs. Herrold	3915 Orleans	6-7625
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Guernsey, Mrs. N. F.	2011 Ruby Street	8-8764
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Hissong, R. D.	3715 Nebraska	7-1116
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Sigmond, Mrs. Hazel	3121 Jones Street	7-1035
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Smith, A. M.	2312 So. Royce Street	
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Smith, Mrs. Geo. J.N.	" " "	8-3357
Smith, Mrs. Lillian Ricketts	3700 Memorial Drive	7-1580
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Wellhausen, Bertha	" " "	8-7408
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Williges, Mrs. Henry G.	2016 Summit	8-3252
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Pettingill,Jr.Dr. Olin Sewall-Northfield, Minn.		------
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Some Field Notes

SEPTEMBER 15-1946-- Sioux City Bird Club Members enjoyed a joint meeting and field trip with the Izaak Walton League at the League's Club House Grounds. Mr. & Mrs. O. E. McCoy were our host and hostess at picnic dinner on their cottage grounds Brown's Lake.

Clear - no wind - Temperature 60 - 75.

Birds seen - - - - great blue heron - long-billed marsh wren - chickadee-- turkey vulture - red - tailed hawk - song sparrow - yellowshafted flicker- flock of robins in woods - blue jay - goldfinch - blue bird - brown thrasher - cardinal- house wren - white-breasted nuthatch - English sparrow- hairy woodpecker - down woodpecker - mourning dove- sparrow hawk - marsh hawk - catbird - kingfisher - pectoral sandpiper - meadow lark - starling -pheasant- swamp sparrow - red-headed woodpecker - crow - red-winged blackbird - bronzed grackle - bank swallow - barn swallow - rough-winged swallow - tree swallow -short-billed marsh wren.

Members on trip - - Bertha and Carl Wellhausen, Mayme Yahr, Nick Margeas, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. H. Poulterer, Dr and Mrs. John L. Schott, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Emery, Esther Friert, Hilda Detlefs, Gertrude Weaver, Ruth Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Hissong, Mona Redmond, Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, Zell C. Lee, Larry Sample.

The day was perfect for a field trip. Members appreciated the gracious hospitality of Mr and Mrs. O. E. McCoy.

The flora in the lake area proved to be fascinating to many of the members. Water was low in the lake. There is a large bed of lotus lilies near the south end of the lake and due to the low water level, many of the lilies were out of the water. It is to be hoped that this interesting plant may be saved and not allowed to become extinct in this part of the state.

OCTOBER 6- 1946- - Your observer and Richard Raun enjoyed a field trip by foot to the High-view Golf Course area, War Eagle woods, River Confluence area, Riverside Woods, Riverview Park and Elmwood Golf course area.

Partially cloudy to clear -- Temperature 43- 66.

Birds Seen: English sparrow - 25 E. mourning dove 8, goldfinch 50E, yellow-shafted flicker, 6; hairy woodpecker 9, sparrow hawk 1, downy woodpecker 13, white-breasted nuthatch 7, Myrtle warblers in migration 500 E, black-capped chickadee 60 E, crow 1, white-throated sparrow 25 E, tree sparrow 17, cardinal 2, blue-winged teal 2, kingfisher 1, Harris's sparrow 7, red-bellied woodpecker 1. brown creeper 1, bronzed grackele 200 E, robin 3.

October 13 - Your observer on a field trip to the Joe Rashimas Farm, 2 ½ miles east of Highway 75.
Clear, no wind- Temp. 30 - 67, light perfect for birding.

Birds seen - -English sparrow, 60 E, vesper sparrow 1, junco, 200 E. blue jay 7, robin 25 - 30 E, white-throated sparrows in song in woods, 200 - 300 E in 40 acre woods adjoining Rashimas farm and 10 birds observed on Rashimas farm in wooded area, Harris's sparrow, 80-100 E, ruby-crowned kinglet, 25 E, chickadee, 50 E, downy woodpecker, 6, blue geese and snow geese flying southward about noontime in an estimated flock of some 300 birds, pheasant 1, yellow-shafted flicker, 4; tree sparrow, 40 - 50 E. Myrtle Warbler, 80 to 100 birds.

October 20-- Sioux City Bird Club field trip to Homer Ridge and Blyburg Lake area. Temp. 36 -- 67, clear with few stray wisps of alto-stratus cluds around noontime, wind, 25 - 30 m. p. h.

Birds Observed-Robin 18, two unidentified hawks flying high, goldfinch 150E, yellow-shafted flicker, 6, chickadee, 75- 100 E, hairy woodpecker 8, downy woodpecker 10, cardinals 5, red-eyed towhee, 1, English sparrow 125 E, tree sparrow, 50 E, junco 100 E, Harris's sparrow, 200 E, marsh hawk, 1 red-tailed hawk 2, American roughlegged hawk 1, American merganser 1, winter wren, 1.

Members on trip- Mr. and Mrs. Herrold Asmussen, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hissong, Carl Fritzsche, Carl Wellhausen, Mrs. Christa Dickinson,(Gladys) Palmer, Zell C. Lee.

NOTE: Bittersweet and wahoo berries in this area were very plentiful, the plants having been protected from killing frosts in May. Berries of both species very large.

November 3-- Your observer to Logan Park -- Temp. 20 - 51, clearing to clear, wind 25 m. p.h.

Birds Observed- in area and enroute by foot. Eng. sparrow,200 Est., chickadee, 30 - 35, brown creeper 1, tree sparrow, 60E. (most of the birds seemed to be in song), song sparrow 1, junco,(2 taking a bath in Perry Creek), 75 E; goldfinch, 60 E, Harris's sparrow, 25 E, crow 4, pine siskin 50 E, red-winged blackbirds, 1000 est. white-breasted nuthatch 10; bronzed grackle, 250 E hairy woodpecker, 2 downy woodpecker 3, tree sparrow, (1 bird taking a bath in shallow pool of water in Perry Creek,) 50 E. cardinal 2, blue jay 3, flock of 70 Canadian geese sighted to northeast flying in their fascinating perfect "V" formation. Watched them through 7 x 50 binoculars until they disappeared from view.

November 17- Your observer to McCook Lake, Mud Lake and Steve Adams woods,- Clear to partially overcast - Temp. 25 -- 38. Snow still on ground from heavy 11.4 inch fall on 11 9 46

Birds Observed-Chickadee 6, downy woodpecker 2, junco 12, female mallard 1, drake (Mallard) 1, marsh hawk 2, red-winged blackbirds, 1 pair, cardinal 2, great-horned owls, 2, yellow-shafted flicker, 1, downy woodpecker 3, marsh hawk 1,

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Adams reported that at their feeding tray for the week of 11 10 46, they had a flock of bluebirds, 2 cardinals, 4 chickadees, 2 flickers, 2 blue jays, and 1 robin. Also that the cardinals were observed to eat wahoo berries on bush near the west window of their house. Mrs. Adams commented that the birds observed against the snow and feeding at their station made a beautiful picture, far surpassing the loveliness of any Christmas card.

December 8-- Your observer to Mud Lake area and Steve Adams woods -- Temp. 35 - 55, Clear

Birds Observed- Crow 17, chickadee, 200- 300 est. flicker, yellow-shafted 2, downy woodpecker, 25 E hairy woodpecker, 6, tree sparrow, 300- 400 Est. junco, slate -colored, 150-200 Est. goldfinch 10 Est. brown creeper, 2.

NOTE: There is much good shelter and food in this area, thus accounting for the large numbers of birds.

-- Zell C. Lee --

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ATTENTION: Bird Club Members!! A large window bird feeder in excellent condition -- Call 6-4927 or 8-5057.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS!

The Tours are off to an excellent season here. Each year sees larger attendance and more interest evinced in them by the people of the community.

Allen D. Cruickshank presented "South Along the Suwannee"- on Sept. 30

John H. Storer presented "Wings Fins and Antlers" on November 19.

Howard L. Orians presented "Lakelore" on December 12.

All were remarkable and entirely different in subject matter.

We are having comments come to us continually about the outstanding merit of this program.

On March 4- Tuesday, Martin K. Bovey will present "Bird Shooting with a Camera".

Orchids to W. W. ("Red") Barrett and to his committee for doing such outstanding work on the Membership campaign.

Our thanks to you "Red" for you are a busy man, but always find the time to devote to those interest near your heart.

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Every Club Member has had a part in this Screen Tour Program, and every Club Member should feel a responsibility in making our activities successful.

Some have borne more of the burden than others.

We want to thank every member for the part he has accomplished.

Our radio station and their personnel and the newspapers have been most generous in our publicity campaign and we are grateful to them.

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LAKE MICHIGAN MOMENT

Lone bird against the twilit blue,
of all that lives, I envy you;
the strong, sure measure of your wings
against the rain and wind that sings
in rhythm to your careless grace
and makes you king of heaven's space.

I thrill to your simplicity;
white symbol of eternity.
With graceful bank you come to rest
upon the rolling, foam-flecked crest,
to mount again the waiting air
in solitude I cannot share.

Lone bird against the twilit gray,
you are the focus of my day;
with scanning heart and quiet eyes
I watch you soar through sun-flushed skies
to vanish, where the light has thinned,
down canyons of the darkening wind.

-- Marion Steele.

BIRD CONSERVATION

Have you noticed that while very life-like imitations of flowers and fruit are on the market, you have never seen artificial feathers? They are so strongly and yet so very delicately constructed that they defy imitation. Aigrettes, breasts, wings and quills of wild birds are obtained only by slaughtering the birds. For about ten years, beginning in 1880, there was scarcely a hat made without a whole or half bird, wings, breast, or feathers of some sort as trimming. So profitable was the traffic in feathers, that bluebirds, swallows, robins, cardinals and tanagers were shot around lawns and parks. Earlier in the history of the new world, there is record of one shipment of ten thousand humming bird skins.

Birds wear their finest plumage during the breeding season, and many species congregate in huge flocks for nesting. Because of their gregarious habits, water and shore birds offer the richest harvest for the bird killers.

Before they were halted by law, these men would rig a ship on which they could live and ply the coast all summer. Landing on the small islands and great rocks where there were hundreds of nests, they would shoot and skin the adult birds, and return to the ship with their loot, leaving behind them bloody piles of stripped bodies and deserted nests of starving, orphaned, baby birds. Is it strange that records show that certain species of beautiful birds were becoming scarce along the Atlantic seaboard?

The early game laws of this country were for protection and definition of the rights of the hunter, rather than the conservation of the hunted. A few people realized that if the birds were killed in the spring, while going north to raise the year's crop of young, the bird population would continue to decline. Varying game laws and closed seasons were established by nearly all of the states with a quite unsatisfactory result.

It was not until 1913, after nine years unceasing effort on the part of Audubon Societies, that the Federal Game Law was passed, a law which extended uniform protection over the entire United States and colonies, and for the first time considered the welfare of the birds themselves. Upon the insistence of the Audubon Societies the terms of this act were broadened to extend protection to the insectivorous migratory birds, which include most of our song birds.

The Federal Migratory Bird Law was enacted just in time to save some varieties of birds from complete extermination. The enforcement of this law was placed under the Department of Agriculture which set up a board of experts known as the Biological Survey, which was empowered to draft regulations and to hire game wardens.

Since birds are no respecters of national boundaries, a treaty with Canada was negotiated, having practically the same provisions as the law of the United States. This is said to be the only bird treaty in the world.

Earlier, Florida had a law prohibiting the shooting of non-game birds in that state. The Audubon Society had employed guards at its own expense, to protect Pelican Island, a densely populated nesting area. When it seemed that the feather hunter would succeed in having the law repealed, the Society tried to buy the Island and discovered that it belonged to the United States. The facts were laid before President Theodore Roosevelt. He proclaimed the area a National Bird Reserve, -- the first in this country.

The movement has grown and now there are a large number of Wild Life Reserves on government owned land, some of which have been purchased solely for that purpose. Since the appropriation for the enforcement of these laws is very meagre, in many cases the Audubon Society hires guards for congested nesting areas.

Adaline T. Lambert

SEED CATALOGUE

Is there a more inspiring book than a seed catalogue? Here failure is unknown. Each variety of vegetable is "prolific," "attractive," "excellent," "hardy." The flowers are "supreme," "beautiful," "dazzling white," "pleasing pink," "rich blue," "fine lustrous carmine," "shapely," "graceful." A surprising note is that many are "improved varieties." How can this be when, according to the catalogues of yesteryear, they were already the acme of perfection, and to think of improvement would seem almost a desecration?

The old eastern companies send out a catalogue that is as impersonal as a dictionary: "a fine extra early radish --." But some of our midwestern purveyors of garden seed prefer the over-the-back-fence type of description: "This is the vegetable that I like to go out and bring in fresh from the garden just before dinner."

The names of varieties are always intriguing. "All American" -- no, not a star of the gridiron -- parsnip, Silver Skin onions, White Velvet Okra, Heart of Gold Muskmellon.

It seems logical enough to name a variety of large, main crop peas "Alderman." No doubt the pods when ready to gather look sleek, fat, and prosperous like their namesake. But for years I have been trying to puzzle out the connection between peas and telephones.

And the pictures! I believe the illustrator's art reaches its highest expression in the seed catalogue. The pansies are rich velvet and the peppers shining jewels; the spinach actually looks good to eat.

With all these enticing illustrations and reassuring descriptions we are inspired to new hope and faith. This year's garden will be all that the seed man promises. We look forward to '47 with a new light in our eyes. We willingly forget that last summer it was not the vegetables but the weeds that were hardy, prolific, abundant and drouth-resistant.

A. T. L.

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I GIVE MY
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TO SAVE AND FAITHFULLY TO
DEFEND FROM WASTE THE
NATURAL RESOURCES OF
MY COUNTRY ---- ITS SOIL
AND MINERAL, ITS
FORESTS, WATERS
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This is America's Conservation Pledge -- It was developed through a nation-wide competition sponsored by "OUTDOOR LIFE" with the cooperation of leading conservationists, scientists and educators.

On December 7, in Washington, D. C., the winning pledge was formally presented to Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug and accepted by him for the people of America.

A statement by Secretary Krug, whose department is the custodian of America's natural resources:

> "We must impress upon every individual the vital need for saving our natural resources. I believe we can make a most auspicious start today by adopting this Conservation Pledge. It will impress upon all of us what that much-used word, CONSERVATION, really means. It will make us realize how vitally important it is to our future security and well-being that we bend every effort to safeguard our natural wealth."

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - December 22, 1946

Sioux City (Woodbury Co.), Iowa (War Eagle's Monument Park Woods, confluence area of Missouri and Big Sioux rivers, Lower Riverside Woods, Riverview Park, Riverside Park, area along road at foot of loess hills facing westward and lying between Stone Park and Riverside, Stone Park, Plum Creek, Talbot Road, Logan Park, Gradnview Park, Northside, Westside, Floyd Park Cemetery, Graneland Park Cemetery, South Ravine, Crescent Park, Floyd River Valley from Springdale to Leeds and following tributary valley and branches about one-half mile, wooded area Joseph Rashimas Farm, Correctionville Road at 4900 Block area Brower's Lake, New Lake, Brown's Lake and Brown's Lake Woods; hilly woodland, mature and immature deciduous timber, and pine and cedar growth 50%, river country, lake country and wooded lowland 30%, open hills 15%, town 5%). - December 22; 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. clear in morning to partially overcast at around noon to clearing in p. m.; temp. 18 to 46 degrees; wind SE 15 to 20 m.p.h.; ground mostly bare, some patches of snow remaining in wooded areas from very light snowfall on December 20, very little frost in ground, all rivers open, lake water low and all frozen, running water in one creek. Twenty-two observers in 12 parties. Total hours afield and point observation, 98; total miles, 142 (51 by foot, 91 by car). Am. merganser, 1; red-tailed hawk, 6; marsh hawk, 1; rock dove, 40; great-horned owl, 5; yellow-shafted flicker, 18; red-shafted flicker, 3 (Don Bushar and Karl Kuhlmann): red-bellied woodpecker, 1; hairy woodpecker, 30; downy woodpecker, 38; blue jay, 12; crow, 1066; black-capped chickadee, 509; white-breasted nuthatch, 45; red-breasted nuthatch, 2; brown creeper, 14; robin, 2; golded-crowned kinglet, 1; cedar waxwing, 2; starling, 227; English sparrow, 502; cardinal, 42; E.purple finch, 25 (Jean L. Laffoon observed this flock eating ash buds); pine siskin, 30; goldfinch, 152; slate-colored junco, 301; tree sparrow, 423. Total 28 species, 3498 individuals. W. W. Barrett, Mrs. Wm. Beuttler, Don Bushar, Mrs. Dwight F. Davis, Mrs. Christa Dickinson, Mrs. E. A. Emery, Carl Fritzsche, Hazel Herman, Bro. James Imhof, Bro. Russel A. Joly, Karl Kuhlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Jean L. Laffoon, Joyce Laffoon, Zell C. Lee, Mrs. Axel Madsen, Richard Raun, Dr. and Mrs. John L. Schott, Gertrude Weaver, Bertha Wellhausen, Carl Wellhausen (Members and guests Sioux City Bird Club).

Compiled by Zell C. Lee

Area from Sioux City, Iowa to Hornick, Iowa, via Missouri river "Bottoms" and return, (an auto trip of 65 miles) -- December 22, 8:00 a. m. to middle afternoon. Clear in morning to clearing around noon to clearing in p. m. ground mostly bare little snow lying patches here and there from light snowfall on December 20. Very little frost in ground, all rivers open, total car miles 65). Marsh hawk, 3; ring-neck pheasant, 3; hairy woodpecker, 2; downy woodpecker, 4; crow, 2500; black-capped chickadee, 8; white-breasted nuthatch, 2; brown creeper, 1; starling, 70; western meadow lark, 10; cardinal, 3; goldfinch, 3; slate-colored junco, 4; tree sparrow, 70. Total 14 species, 2683 individuals.

William G. Youngworth,
3119 2nd, Sioux City, Iowa

47th CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - December 22, 1946

Names and addresses of the 23 observers in 13 parties taking the count in the Sioux City area and the area from Sioux City to Hornick, via Missouri River "Bottoms" and return.

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SOME FIELD NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

January 5, 1947 - Wind 5 to 15 m.p.h.
Clear, bright, temp. 16 - 28 - to Riverside, Elm Wood Golf Course, wooded area west of golf course and along road south and west and southwest of area and then due south to Missouri River,
Birds observed - chickadee, down woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, sparrow, hawk, goldfinch, crow, white-breasted nuthatch, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, American merganser, -
4 plus inches of snow on ground and deep drifts in golf course area, road to river south mostly bare.

January 12, 1947 - Wind - 5 to 10 m.p.h. Temp. 18 - 22. Clear to partially overcast, then snowing at 11:00 a. m.
Logan Park, Stone Park, River Road from Stone Park to Riverside.
Snow on ground,
Birds observed - chickadee, marsh hawks (male and female birds) tree sparrow, junco, pine siskins, goldfinch, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, crow, 100, magpie (one in flight) in Stone Park, English sparrow, 25-50.

January 10, 1947 - 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Wind 15 - 20 m.p.h. Temp. 24 - 51, clear.
Homer, Nebraska region, Lewis and Clark Trail, along the "Ridge", Blyburg Lake area, southeast along old river road leading to Winnebago via the river route.
Birds observed - goldfinch, 100-125 est. chickadee, 50-65, crow, 25-30, cardinal, 2, white-breasted nuthatch, 4, slate-colored junco, 25-30, red-tailed hawk, 2; rough-legged hawk, yellow-shafted flicker, 1; downy woodpecker 3, hardy woodpecker, 3, red-bellied woodpecker, 2, English sparrow, 100 est. sparrow hawk, 1.

January 26, 1947 - Light wind, temp. 18 - 60, clear to only slightly overcast then entirely clear. Temp. 18 - 60.
Highview golf course, McCook Lake, Mud Lake, Loblolly Lake area, Steve Adams woods, to Missouri River, then back along another route and to the spillway area back to McCook Lake (lake very low and frozen over).
Birds observed - chickadee 50 - 60, down woodpecker, 5; hairy woodpecker, 4; yellow shafted flicker, 13; cardinal, 6; marsh hawk, 1; rough-legged hawk, 1; junco, 125 est.; tree sparrow, 150 est.; great-horned owl, 2; brown creeper, 2; goldfinch, 50 est.; white-breasted nuthatch 2; English sparrow 100 est.; crow, 50 est.
(The greater number of the above observations in the Steve Adams woods where there is good cover and food, only one bird observed in the Highview golf course area and that a chickadee).

From the notebook of ---------- Z. C. L.

Karl Kuhlmann reports that a great-horned owl spent about two hours in a tree in his front yard on February 25th.

On January 10, 1947, I observed a male purple finch in our yard at 2025 West 4th Street for the first time. It was with a flock of English sparrows. Color and other marks of identification were carefully checked.

The bird has been continually about since January 10 and has been feeding with other birds which come to our yard for the feed which we place for them. At present the little fellow seems to be very happy about eating the "hen scratch" feed which we are now placing for our birds to feed upon.

-- Gladys Palmer

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BEAVER DINNER

About one hundred guests ate roast beaver or an alternate meat at the second annual Bird Club Beaver Dinner, February 20th. Miss Lee presided. Mr. F. A. Lavell, our new State Conservation officer, who procured the beavers for us, was introduced, and was presented with the book, "Fading Trails" as a gift of the Bird Club. He said that after the beavers ran out of trees, they cut down a wooden bridge.

Judge O. S. Thomas's talk on bird observations was both informational and entertaining. He considers his bird feeding post something of a barometer. When the birds clean out the food in short order, it is a sure sign that a storm or cold spell is coming. He has trained the chickadees around his home to go into a glass-sided feeding house where they may be watched from his window while they crack and eat sunflower seed. This was accomplished by gradually moving the sunflower heads, which the chickadees had found, in toward the feeding box, then putting the sunflower heads into the feeding box, leaving one side open. Later the open side was gradually closed until only a chickadee-size hole was left.

Sound films taken at the South pole showed the bird life and scenery of that region.

The silent color films of "Birds we should Know" were exceptionally good studies of bird life.

A. T. L.

BOOK NOOK

Among the recent accessions in the Sioux City Library, there are several good books on plants:

Story of the Plant Kingdom, by Coulter

This book is presented by the University of Chicago as "indispensible reading for the introduction to Biological Sciences to round out a respectable minimum of general education during freshman and sophomore years." Technical terminology and detail have been minimized.

Plant Biology, by H. Godwin

This is a text book emphasizing the biological aspects of plant life. As it is based on lectures given to first year medical students at the University of Cambridge, the author assumes that the reader has some knowledge of chemistry and physics. It contains valuable material for the advanced student, but would not suit the needs of the average amateur.

Our Trees, How to Know Them, by Arthur Emerson and Clarence Weed

Every alternate leaf of this book is a full page illustration. Wherever you open the book, you find one page of text and one of excellent photographs taken by Mr. Emerson. A characteristic specimen of the entire tree is shown with the details of winter buds, flower, leaf and fruit. It is a very valuable book to use in becoming acquainted with our native trees.

Although not a new book, Familiar Trees and Their Leaves, by F. Schuyler Mathews, in the Children's Room of the Public Library, will be very helpful, especially to the young nature student.

The Lost Woods, Adventures of a Naturalist, by Edwin Way Teale

This is a highly enjoyable collection of articles on a variety of subjects, such as, the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, men with unusual nature hobbies, a vacation spent in a lonely forest hut, and nature observations in Times Square.

Sioux City Bird Club members who have made a hobby of collecting beaver tales (yes, tales not tails) will find here a new and fascinating approach to the entire subject. The photographs by the author add much to the book.

If you want an amusing book for a child, try, How to Tell Birds from the Flowers, by R. W. Wood. The bok is delightful nonsense, cleverly illustrated.

Book Review

Driftwood Valley, by Theodora C. Stanwell-Fletcher (Mrs. John) 1946.

This is an account in diary form of the life and adventures of a British naturalist and his American wife in the wilderness of British Columbia known as Driftwood Valley. They lived there about three years between 1937 and 1941. They collected plant specimens and animal skins and made moving pictures of the region for the Provincial Museum at Victoria, and listed plants and animals of Driftwood Valley.

The author's husband whom she fondly speaks of as "J" made the sketches for the book. They include 18 animals; as, wolf, moose, deer, rabbit, weasel; also there are 10 drawings of animal tracks, besides a map and a sketch of the cabin.

They were guided by Indians: Ben and Vinson, to Lake Tetana where their cabin was built. This place was 240 miles from the nearest telephone, railroad, and doctor. This lake is about one mile long, eight to 12 feet deep, clear as pale green glass, a bright emerald in the sun, an aquamarine in the shadow. Every foot of the clay bottom is visible. The timber around it is unburned, and the mountains are high.

From the hardships they endured we see what human adventure is behind museum exhibits. One of their problems was to win the confidence of the Indian guides so as to get information from them and be lead to the spots of interest, and get their needs supplied. Sometimes they lived with the Indians and ate Indian food. In their cabin headquarters, "J" went hunting for their meat while his wife nearly perished with anxiety for him till he was again secure in the cabin and they were enjoying one another's genial companionship.

Examples of intense situations that arose are, how to get an Indian to help cut enough wood for fire, how to care for "J" when his ribs were broken; the use of cement to fix a broken tooth; how to find new trails and get back; how to find one horse that disappeared.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stanwell-Fletcher had an unquenchable love for animals. The author's dramatic descriptions endow them with personalities. Laddie, the horse, came to the back porch for a visit every hour and thrust her soft pink lips to the door. The wolf's cry of sadness and longing to a mate to come to him to share the beauty of the night, filled the whole wilderness.

The author does a thoroughly satisfying job in her descriptions of nature and animals. We feel the contagious zest for outdoor life. The book has an atmosphere of authority. It is Nature in print.

Published by Little, Brown and Company, Boston -- $4.00.

Reviewed by -- Mary E. Moser.

Note -- All the above books are in the Sioux City Public Library.

BULLETIN ON RECENT LEGISLATION

Senator Wiley has withdrawn S.332, the ridiculous antigun bill which was supposed to fight crime by the registration of your deer and varmint rifles. In his explanatory statement he says that the reason for his action is "parliamentary," but we strongly suspect that his discovery that he was opposed to his own bill was prompted in great measure by the protesting letters he received from the sportsmen of America.

Thank you for your help in killing this bill -- and rest assured that if anything of the kind comes up again we'll warn you promptly.

Raymond J. Brown, Editor,
"Outdoor Life"
353 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

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SONG OF THE CARDINAL

The skies were bleak this February day;
And past my windowpane
The east wind went, complaining drearily;
The clouds betokened rain.

All earth seemed prisoned in a lonely meadow
The dark pines on the hill,
The brooding aisles of shadow in the wood,
The meadows, hushed and still.

And then, a streak of red wings slashed the gray
Of somber landscape, as he flashed along
To disappear .... but not too far away ---
O, hark! His song!

Blithe minstrel! Profligate of joy, you pour
Your melody in challenge brave and sweet;
Its golden notes, that seem to rise and soar
To heaven's gate, yet tumble at my feet.
You lift the soul, and cleave a shining way
Toward April's sun;
I listen, knowing in my heart today
Spring's music has begun.

- - - Dixie of Dwight - - -
From the column "A Line o' Type
or Two" - in the Chicago Tribune

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE for SPRING and EARLY SUMMER
of
SIOUX CITY BIRD CLUB - for 1947

MARCH	16 or 23-	Hornick-- Luton area for Annual Geese Trip (Exact date will depend on the early migrations of the geese and ducks)
APRIL	13 - - -	Homer, Nebraska, Blyburg- Winnebago region via Ridge Road and River Road
APRIL	27 - - -	Hawarden State Park
MAY	11 - - -	Annual May Bird Count: (This count is taken over the entire state of Iowa by various clubs and groups working in cooperation with the Iowa Ornithological Union. The date is tentatively set)
MAY	18 - - -	Ponca State Park and South Creek- Martinsburg Area
MAY	30 - - -	Blue Lake, Onawa, or Joint meeting with the Omaha, Nebraska Clubs. (The date and place are tentative pending final arrangements with the Omaha Group. Our Club has been invited to hold a joint meeting this spring)
JUNE	15 - - -	The Nestor L. Stiles Aurelia Meadow and Preserves along the Little Sioux River.
JUNE	29 - - -	Brown's Lake Area.

Your interest and cooperation are asked. Participation in the field trips and outdoor activities of our Club should prove profitable to the nature-minded.

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WHEN AUDUBON CAME UP THE MISSOURI RIVER

by
Adaline Train Lambert

(Part II)

In 1843 a small party of naturalists, headed by John James Audubon, took passage on a river steamer at St. Louis. In our last issue, following Audubon's Journals, we traced their halting journey to about the present site of Omaha.

Above what is now Omaha, Audubon says, "We landed for the night under trees covered by muddy deposits from the great overflow of this season....Prairie wolves are extremely abundant hereabouts. They are so daring that they come into camp both by day and by night." His entry, "the high bluffs back of the prairie are destitute of stones," describes the windblown loess soil of the hills along this part of the Missouri river as it is now. But what a change in the wild life a hundred years has made! Here, a hunting party, the previous summer, had killed fifty-one buffalo, one-hundred five deer and ten elk. Robins are very scarce, parakeets and turkeys plentiful."

Since they had a long wait for cargo inspection, Audubon paid a visit to the captain of Fort Croghan, "a young man brought up at West Point....I showed him my credentials, at which he smiled, and politely assured me that I was too well known thruout our country to need any letters. While seated in front of his tent, I heard the note of a bird new to me, and as it proceeded from a tree above our heads, I looked up and saw the first Yellow-headed Troupial (yellow headed blackbird) alive that ever came across my own migrations. The captain probably thought me crazy,.......for I suddenly started, shot at the bird, and killed it. Afterwards I shot three more at one shot, but only one female amid hundreds of these yellow headed blackbirds. They are quite abundant here, feeding on the surplus grain that drops from the horses' troughs; they walked under and around the horses, with as much confidence, as if anywhere else."

After they had resumed their ascent of the river, he observes, "The timber is becoming more scarce as we proceed, and I greatly fear that our only opportunity of securing wood will be those afforded us by that drifted on the bars." Near Decatur, Nebraska, they saw many bank swallows and the lark bunting. On May 13th: "After a while, we pass ed under some beautiful bluffs, surmounted by many cedars, and these bluffs were composed of fine white limestone of a soft texture, but very beautiful to the eye. In several places along this bluff we saw clusters of nests of swallows, which we all looked upon as those of the Cliff Swallow, although I saw not one of the birds..... This evening we came to the burial ground bluff of Sergeant Floyd, one of the companions of the never-to-be-forgotten expedition of Lewis and Clark, over the Rocky Mountains, to the Pacific ocean. A few minutes afterwards, before coming to Floyd's creek, we started several turkey cocks from their roosts and had we been on shore could have accounted for more than one of them. The prairies are becoming more common and elevated; we have seen more evergreens this day, than we have done for two weeks at least. This evening is dark and rainy, with lightning and some distant thunder, and we had entered the mouth of the Big Sioux river where we are fastened for the night....It is late; had the weather been clear, and the moon, which is full, shining, it was our

intention to go ashore, to try to shoot wild turkeys; but as it is pouring down rain, and as dark as pitch, we have thrown our lines overboard and perhaps may catch a fish. We hope to reach Vermilion River, day after tomorrow."

As he sat in the cabin of the little steamer, lying at anchor off the shore where Sioux City now stands, Audubon concluded his long account of the day's happenings with this significant sentence, "We saw abundance of the birds which I had before enumerated."

Imagine the trees of Sioux City full of wild parrots about the size of mourning doves but with longer tails. These Carolina Parakeets were green with bright yellow heads, shading to red about the face. They walk sidewise along branches, climbing and hanging in every conceivable position, using their beaks in characteristic parrot fashion. They traveled in flocks, screaming incessantly as they flew. Their love of company was so great that several females often deposited their eggs together in one old nesting hole. In a similar hole an entire flock would roost a night. Audubon says: "At dusk, a flock of parakeets may be seen alighting against the trunk of a large sycamore, or any other tree, when a considerable excavation exists within it. Immediately below the entrance the birds all cling to the bark, and crawl into the hole to pass the night. When such a hole does not prove sufficient to hold the whole flock, those around the entrance hook themselves on by their claws and the tip of the upper mandible, and look as if hanging by the bill. I have freqnetly seen them in such position by means of a glass, and am satisfied that the bill is not the only support used in such cases."

A flock would cover a farmer's grain stack like a blanket, or alight as thickly as they can cling on a tree, where they would tear open young nuts or young fruit to get the seed. Although they often found the seed too soft and small for food, they would continue cutting the fruit to pieces, until the tree was entirely stripped. It is probably due to their stupidity that these beautiful but destructive birds are now extinct. If a farmer fired repeatedly into a large flock on his fruit tree, they would fly up, circle around screaming, and settle down on the same tree again and again, until not a bird was left alive.

Turkeys were also abundant in our neighborhood, and only a heavy thunderstorm prevented the naturalists from carrying out their plan to come ashore for a moonlight turkey hunt, in a wilderness where are now the streets of Sioux City. In "Bird Biographies" Audubon says, "Many (turkey cocks) are shot when at roost in this season (Spring) by answering with a rolling gobble to a sound in imitation of the cry of the barred owl." And elsewhere he s ays, "In the winter many of our real hunters shoot them by moonlight on the roost, where these birds will frequently stand a repetition of the reports of the rifle. Thus sometimes nearly a whole flock is secured by men capable of using these guns under such circumstances." Audubon, himself, along with his other accomplishments, such as dancing, fidlling, fencing and skating, was an expert marksman.

In October, the turkeys assembled in flocks and moved on foot towards the rich bottom lands. "When they come upon a river, they betake themselves to the highest eminences, and there often remain a whole day, or sometimes two, as if for the purpose of consultation. During this time, the males are heard gobbling, calling, and making much ado, and

are seen strutting about as if to raise their courage to a pitch befitting the emergency. Even the females and young assume something of the same demeanour, spread out their tails, and run around each other, purring loudly, and performing extravagant leaps. At length, when the weather appears settled, and all around is quiet, the whole party mounts to the tops of the highest trees, whence, at a signal consisting of a single cluck, given by a leader, the flock takes flight for the opposite shore. The old and fat birds easily get over, even should the river be a mile in breadth, but the younger and less robust frequently fall into the water --- not to be drowned, however, as might be imagined. They bring their wings close to their bodies, spread out their tail as a support, stretch forward their neck, and, striking out their legs with great vigor, proceed rapidly toward the shore; on approaching which, should they find it too steep for landing, they cease their exertions for a few moments, float down the stream until they come to an accessible part, and by a violent effort, generally extricate themselves from the water. It is remarkable, that immediately after crossing a large stream, they ramble about for some time, as if bewildered. In this state, they fall an easy prey to the hunter."

The weather cleared and the steamer was under way early next morning. As they left our shores they saw many geese and a long billed curlew. A black bear swam the river in front of the boat. They proceeded on their journey into the Dakotas, but that is another story.

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Miss Verl Crow's senior sixth grade at Hobson School made an extensive study of birds last spring. They learned about the various species and then studied the different activities, such as courtship and nest building. Mrs. Lambert, of the Sioux City Bird club, gave a talk to the school assembly on these topics. Each member of Miss Crow's class made a gay, attractive scrap book. They also built feeding stations and bird houses. Both Miss Crow and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting better acquainted with the birds. The study of birdlife always proves to be a fascinating subject of study among children.

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Sleep in Circles

Birds that sleep on the water avoid drifting ashore by tucking one foot up in their feathers and paddling slowly with the other, thus traveling in circles.

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Hind-first

All ruminants, or cud-chewing animals, such as the cow, sheep, antelope, deer, goats, and camels, invariably use their hind legs first in rising.

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Ben W. Bennett, 710 Grand Avenue and owner of a Piper-Cub Plane, reports on a recent trip on December 5, 1947, flying near Allen.

Nebraska, a flock of 5 Canadian geese flying at an approximate altitude of 500 feet.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stroupe, 4620 4th Avenue report golden-crowned kinglets in their yard together with other species of our winter resident birds such as the bluejay and cardinal and chickadee.

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Every nature-minded person should read the Joint Report to Governor Robert D. Blue and the Iowa Conservation Commission by the Conservation Study Committee appointed by the Governor, and Ira N. Gabrielson, President, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON, D.C. at the request of the Conservation Commission, as it appeared in the January 15, 1948 issue of the "Iowa Conservationist." If you do not have a copy and should not be a subscriber to this fine little publication, contact may be made with the Conservation Commission, 914 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Rate is 40 cents per year or 3 years for $1.00. Write today, for your copy or to subscribe.

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NATURE, PRO and CON

by

Mabel Irene Huggins

In the following list are represented some of the pros and cons of Nature. Specimens from the plant, animal, and mineral kingdoms will be found, as well as some important parts of certain animals and plants. Simply fill in the blanks using as clues the definitions that are given. Turn to last page for the answers. Count 5 points for each that you have correct.

1. Pro ------ An antelope-like animal of the western United States and Mexico
2. Con - A rabbit.
3. Pro------ Minute, one-celled animals, mostly aquatic.
4. Con-- A kind of shell.
5. -pro-- A shoot from a seed
6. Con--- A large American culture.
7. --pro-- An important part of certain plants and trees
8. ---con A kind of hawk
9. Pro------ The trunk of an elephant.
10. - - -con A mineral used as a gem stone.
11. --pro-- The corn poppy.
12. Con ---- A cone-bearing tree.
13. Pro----- The genus consisting of the conies.
14. -con--- The monkshood.
15. Pro--- A kind of swallow.
16. Con--- A kind of eel.
17. Pro-- Millet.
18. Con-------- The bindweed.
19. -pro-- The name for the house sparrow in certain areas.
20. Con------ The star-nosed mole.

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SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED

February 26, 1948,	Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Herrold Asmussen night at the Art Center.
March 4, 1948,	Thursday, Central High School Auditorium, 8:00, Dick Bird and his "Camera Trails Along Nature Trails"
March , 1948,	date to be determined - Annual Beaver Dinner
March , 1948,	"Geese Trip" to Missouri River Bottoms - sometime between March 10 and 25
April 19, 1948,	Monday, Audubon Screen Tour - "Wildlife Down East" with Carl W. Buchheister, Vice-President National Audubon Society
	Field Trips - Dates to be determined
May 14, 1948,	Friday, Screen Tour to close the 1947-1948 season - "Bits of Land Along the Coast" with Telford H. Work of California
May 15, 16, 1948,	Joint meeting with the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union and interested South Dakota Groups. Our Sioux City Bird Club is host to this meeting. (This will be the first joint meeting of associated groups interested in ornithology and conservation for us since 1935, so let us make this a successful meeting. We need the help of each and every member. Remember the date.)

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NECROLOGY - 1947

A number of years ago, the writer, when on a Bird Club Field Trip east of Hornick to see the flocks of Snow and Blue Geese, met Clarence Brown, of Salix, Iowa. On the monthly field trips after that he was usually along, as is seen in the pictures taken at various places. His passing on October 15, 1939 was a surprise to the Bird Club members who did not know of a heart difficulty.

At various times our group met at the Clarence Brown farm on the north shore of Brown's Lake. This spring when three of us were looking for the pelicans which were said to be at the lake, we stopped to ask Mrs. Mamie Brown (Mrs. Clarence Brown) about them. She reported that they had just left for the north. We little thought that this was to be the last time we would see Mrs. Brown alive, and were shocked to learn that she passed away June 18, 1947.

A number of the Bird Club members attended the funeral held at the Community Church in Salix, where all could not get within the church because of the number of people attending.

Her interest in the activities of the Bird Club will be missed.

-- R. D. Hissong --

Sioux City, Iowa

THE 48th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Sioux City (Woodbury Co.), Iowa (War Eagle's Monument Park Woods, confluence area of Missouri and Big Sioux Rivers, Lower Riverside Woods, Riverview Park, Riverside Park, area along road at foot of loess hills facing westward and lying between Stone Park and Riverside, Stone Park, Plum Creek area, Talbot Road, Logan Park, Northside, Westside, Graceland Park Cemetery, South Ravine, Crescent Park, Correctionville Road at 4900 block area, Brower's Lake, New Lake, Brown's Lake, Brown's Lake Woods, Morningside Nurseries area and land adjacent, River Road; hilly deciduous woodland and pine and cedargrowth 50%, river and lake country and wooded lowlands 30%, open hills 15%, town 5%). December 21: 9:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. Hazy bright to clear at 10:30 a. m., remainder of day sunshiny: temp. 16 to 37 maximum for the day; wind north, 5 to 15 m. p. h. ground covered with 6 to 8 inches of well-packed snow and ice on ground in many sections; hills 20% barren of snow, rivers open in main channels, ice along banks and extending out into the rivers, lakes frozen over, some thawing and some running water in afternoon. Heavy hoarfrost or rime on all vegetation thus causing a cover on all natural food supply until 10:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m. in the immediate Sioux City area. Some observers wish to advance supposition that perhaps this hoarfrost prevented a normal amount of bird activity. Only small numbers of some species in activity until late morning in outlying areas. Eighteen observers in 10 parties. Total hours afield and station observation 74; total miles 177 (126 by car and 51 by foot). Mallard, 1; Am. merganser, 3; red-tailed hawk, 4; prairie falcon (Lee), 1; ring-necked pheasant, 1; red-phase of schreech owl, 1; great-horned owl, 3; belted kingfisher, 1; yellow shafted flicker, 23; red-bellied woodpecker, 2; hairy woodpecker, 10; downy woodpecker, 36; bluejay, 6; eastern crow, 10,140 (Est. in part); black-capped chickadee, 182; white-breasted nuthatch, 28; red-breasted nuthatch, 2; brown creeper, 9; robin, 1; bluebird, 3; golden-crowned kinglet, 4; ruby-crowned kinglet, 1; northern shrike (Lee), 1; starling, 400 (est. in part); English sparrow, 885 (Est. in part); meadow lark, 1; red-winged blackbird, 300 (Est.); cardinal, 20; pine siskin, 34; goldfinch, 21; slate-colored junco, 31; tree sparrow, 33; song sparrow, 2; Total 33 species, 12,190 individuals.

(Notes - Northern shrike in first winter plumage - field marks checked with Forbush, Roberts and Chapman's books on birds. Z.C.L. - Mr. and Mrs. Herrold Asmussen, W. W. Barrett, Don Bushar, Mrs. Dwight F. Davis, Mrs. E. A. Emery, Karl Kuhlmann, Dale Laffoon, Mr. and Mrs. Jean L. Laffoon, Zell C. Lee, Nick Margeas, Bob Nickolson, Dr. and Mrs. John L. Schott, Gertrude Weaver, Bertha Wellhausen, Carl Wellhausen.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTING AT WASHINGTON, D. C.
on December 20, 1947

Excerpt from a letter written by Miss Shirley Briggs to her mother, Mrs. John Briggs, wife of Dr. John E. Briggs, Professor of Political Science at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. This letter was forwarded to Mrs. W. W. Barrett, a friend of Mrs. John Briggs, because Mrs. Barrett was also interested in birds. Of particular interest is the fact that both Dr. and Mrs. John E. Briggs are graduates of Morningside College and have studied under Dr. T. C. Stephens, former head of the Biology Department.

December 21, 1947

"I was due to be out front yesterday in full regalia by six -- but they got here five minutes early, just as I was trying to stuff myself into just one more shirt, so I took off in an atmosphere of confusion -- with Dr. Barnes (Economic Advisor to Civil Aeronautics) rushing around picking up my traps and hustling me out the door. (He assured the others that I would of course be ready long since, waiting impatiently on the curb. How he manages to maintain this confidence in me is curious.) We then got the woman with the kayak, which was lashed to the car roof, and off and away through the cold darkness. (Just the kayak on the roof -- not the woman too.) I was wearing my most arctic outfit, or as much of it as I can get on under that ski suit. Shall have to let it out a bit. Kay's high Bass moccasins, with three pair of Sear's most virile wool hunter's socks, plus rubbers, were the best I could do for my underpinnings, but in the interims between our mad dashes over the terrain, I often lost touch with my toes completely. The thermometer stood at 10. We reached Hunting Creek, the rendezvous with the "LIFE" photographers and Roger Tory Peterson at about 6:30, and found Peterson, but not photographers. The first dim grayness began to set in, and we heard the birds giving their first, and probably last, remarks of the day. Hermit thrushes were all around us, though we saw very few later, and never heard them again. It is very impressive to hear such an arch expert as Peterson explain the tiny subtle differences between the tonal quality of the chirp of the winter wren, swamp sparrow, white-throat, and such species. He not only knows the subject better than most anyone, but has a droll and expressive turn of phrase which helps keep the atmosphere cheery and exciting, though one's feet have frozen solid into the marsh, and all one's better nature has congealed. By seven, when it was just becoming light, we heard anguished shouts coming through the woods. Barnes set forth, and returned with the men from LIFE, who had gone on the Dyke, a mile or so down the road, and had been waiting for us there, unhappily. One of them was done up in an Eskimo parka affair, but had only loafers for shoes, a sad mistake. Their cameras, which hung from them in festoons, were all frozen solid, and each picture took a vast amount of wrestling and muttering, a rubbing of Contaxes with frozen hands. It then proved that Barnes' binoculars were frozen too stiff to focus, so a fellow-fellow grew up. They wanted us to stand out on the frozen marsh -- now covered with ice and frosty cattails, with layers of icy edges where the tide had frozen along the shore and then gone out from under. The occasion was enlivened by the tendency of the photographers to rush about on a good angle, and sink into the muck to their knees necessitating frequent rescues.

"Soon we set forth for Dyke, a fine marsh, which you may remember from "Spring in Washington." There are numerous little plank footbridges, perilous and photogenic, and fine vistas of water and fishing boats, fish nets hung to dry, and marsh and shoreline terrain. We

posed patiently among the approaches but when Peterson thought he saw a short-eared owl, we were off down the dyke with our usual pace. The photographers did not find us again for some time. When they did, we obligingly peered out into the distance, clambered over rocks, and I was persuaded to go into a dense thicket and fight my way out, for that dauntless effect. I also peered earnestly at bird tracks in the sand -- and climbed fences and consulted Peterson's book, and generally contributed to "LIFE'S" aspects of picture taking. These fellows really didn't care so much about all of that, being intent on really depicting the enterprise, but they claim that the editors in New York insist on a certain percentage of such standard shots. We then launched the kayak, for their benefit, and took them back to Roaches-Run, where we met one of the other parties, and Dr. Wetmore, who started these counts fifty years ago. The Parks man came to feed the ducks, which are very tame here, and there were pictures of all this. Peterson and the LIFE fellows then went on to cover the other areas, and we returned to Dyke for a serious business.

"The purpose of the kayak was to enable some of us to skirt the river edges of the marsh, which cannot be reached by foot. Three of the group set forth to inspect the land between the woods and marsh, an Dr. Barnes, the owner of the kayak, and I took to the water. The littl streams which wind through the marsh are excellent birding places, so we tried to penetrate as far as possible. This intent was hindered by the ice which covered the streams out to the river edge. We kept trying, though. Of course, the photographers missed all the best views of the day -- such as this one, with the two of us earnestly paddling this Eskimo craft through ice floes while Barnes stood up in the middle and peered grimly out over the marsh. The boat is just a heavy cloth affair, with a sturdy framework, and while very seaworthy, it does permit the occupant to feel every hunk of ice as it passes beneath. We were such an unnerving aparition that we shattered the aplomb of a horned grebe, who tore out of the shore grass, and took to the river in the most frantic manner, giving us one last wild-eyed glance before diving to the bottom and presumably setting forth for very far parts. We did several new species on this detail, so it was worth while, as well as great fun. We were lucky in the weather, which, though cold, was clear and sunny. Usually Christmas counts take place on the most unspeakable day of the year.

"The rest of the day, we covered the woods and swamps back of Alexandria, with fair success. The City dump and the sewer outlet are always excellent birding spots, and I was especially annoyed at myself for not having any camera in working order to get view of Barnes clambering over sordid heaps of rubbish, peering excitedly at some degraded little sparrow. I started out with the Leica, unfortunately loaded with only color film, because I had neglected to check my film supply in time. The thing pulled out so I couldn't rewind it, I suppose because it was so cold and stiff, anyhow that it was hard to turn, and I didn't feel the little tug at the end of the roll. Cartoons will have to suffice and I mean to work on a batch soon.

"We finally tore ourselves away from the woods in time to reach Naylor's for the festive dinner, where all teams met and reported. It was a hectic occasion, since Barnes wanted to make the 7:00 ferry at Annapolis, in order to get to the Eastern shore in good time for two more days of bird counts -- very high-powered ones, heavily peopled wit

leading scientists. I found myself totaling up all of our lists, one for each area, in his curious handwriting, while a chap next to me helped add and stuck in an exotic species at intervals to liven things up a bit.

"We were a strange outfit, and I heard several of the waiters, all in tuxes, explaining us to each other.

"All told, it was a perfectly delightful day, and I did wish Dad could have been here to join us. Chances of such good weather another year are very slim."

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LIFE for January 19, 1948, depicts this above trip under the caption of "NATURE" on page 71, headed up "Bird Counters" - Washington nature lovers go out to take an annual winter census. A picture of the above referred to Roaches-Run is shown along the Potomac River with the birds being fed cracked corn to enable the counting of the clock of mallards and pintails. Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of Smithsonian Institute is shown as he climbed into the loft above his office to flush an owl. We learn that Dr. Wetmore has helped with every bird census since the first one when he was a boy in 1900. Miss Shirley Briggs is shown examining tracks in sand along the Potomac. Miss Briggs is an illustrator for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Nearly five dozen bird counters, ranging from school teachers to government economists, combed a circle of 7½ mile radius. By dusk they had counted 12,407 birds to 77 species. Nine species were new to their lists. The most exciting newcomer was a catbird which had straggled north and got counted.

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Murray, Mrs. Marion D.	144 Cook Drive
Nelson, Miss Amelia	616 Badgerow Building
Nelson, Mrs. Ben	1419 W 21st Street
Nelson, Edna	3007 Nebraska Street
Nesbit, Mrs. Dan	1622½ Rebecca Street
Nielsen, Mrs. Christel Ann	1124½ Pierce Street
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Overgaard, Mrs. E. W.	2201 Pierce Street
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Patterson, MissGladys	609 Pearl Street, Apt. 1
Pederson, Miss Vivian	2109 Nebraska Street
Peelan, Miss Anna Marie	1423 Douglas Street
Peterson, Miss Bertha	414 16th Street
Peterson, Mr. & Mrs. John C.	2218 Palmetto
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Reeves, Mable	823 So. Paxton
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Rogers, Miss Edna	414 11th Street
Rogers, Miss Jean	1517 Pierce Street
Rosenthal, Joe	2520 Jennings Street
Runions, Dr. & Mrs. M. R.	1009 Badgerow Building
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Sammons, Mrs. W. H.	1507 Jackson Street
Schamp, Mr. & Mrs. Fred	2920 Jennings Street
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Schmid, Carl	2910 Jennings Street
Schult, Edna	1423 Grandview
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Turner, Mrs. Pearl	1711 Douglas Street
Uggen, Mildred	511 14th Street
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Wissler, Miss Gladys	Swanson Apts.
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1. Pronghorn
2. cony
3. Protozoa
4. conch
5. sprout
6. condor
7. taproot
8. falcon
9. proboscis
10. zircon
11. coprose
12. conifer
13. Procavia
14. aconitz
15. Progne
16. conger
17. proso
18. Convolvulus
19. sprong
20. Condylura